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1 in 5 CHILDREN ARE NOW OBESE

BY CARL JACKSON

ONE in five children in Staffordshire are now obese, it has been revealed.

With one in four adults also obese, the problem is costing the county's health and social care services more than £100 million a year, according to shock new figures.

People living in Cannock are the most likely in the county to be obese, while Stafford is home to the most overweight people. Across Staffordshire around 20 per cent of children under 10 are classed obese.

The figures from Public Health England reveal that in total there are 189,000 adults in the county – 26 per cent – who are obese which is enough to fill Wembley Stadium twice. The national average is 24 per cent.

Staffordshire County Council is now tackling the problem with the launch of the Big Fat Chat campaign to encourage people to eat healthier, and 'go sugar-free for a week'.

Health, care and well-being boss Councillor Alan White, said: "As well as costing millions, obesity stops Staffordshire's residents living long and healthy lives. The Big Fat Chat is about raising awareness of obesity, but also the everyday things people can do at home to be healthier.

"We're really keen to hear people's opinions over the coming weeks on how far we should go to tackle obesity in Staffordshire and, crucially, where the responsibilities lie. Our aim is to use people's views, alongside other research and evidence, to agree a joint plan to tackle obesity across Staffordshire."

Healthy

Obesity is defined as having too much body fat, while being overweight simply means weighing too much. Both are indicators of being unhealthy.

Around 25,000 people in the Cannock Chase district – 31 per cent – are obese. However, the district also has one of the highest proportions of underweight people in the county – 1.2 per cent (990 people).

The area has the smallest proportion of people considered to be a healthy weight – 20,770 (26 per cent).

Stafford has the highest amount of people classed as overweight – 45,000 – although the proportion of its population (41 per cent) is lower than other areas because the borough is home to more people in total.

Dr Charles Pidsley, co-chair of Staffordshire's health and wellbeing board, added: "This is a new and exciting project.

"We want to get out and about around the county and talk to the people who use local services. We want to find out what will really work and what will motivate people to make healthy lifestyle choices."

A Big Fat Chat consultation event will take pace at the Aquarius Ballroom, Hednesford on March 1. Visit **bigfatchat.com** for details.

SPOTTER FUN ON THE CHASE FOR GRUFFALO FANS

Recreation ranger Lizzie Hartshorne looks forward to the opening of the Gruffalo Spotter trail on Cannock Chase

A SPECIAL trail based on a children's best-seller will be unveiled on Cannock Chase next week.

The Forestry Commission has created its special Gruffalo Spotter app for parents to download on their phones and then use at the new facility, based on Julia Donaldson's hit book. Although aimed at young children, the whole family can enjoy its clues and collecting evidence along the trail, which is about a mile long. The book's Mouse, Fox, Owl, Snake and the Gruffalo characters are featured along the trail.

It has scooped numerous prizes for children's literature since it was first released in 1999, has sold more than 13 million copies, and has been developed into plays in the West End and on Broadway.

The Forestry Commission's recreation assistant at Cannock Chase, Lizzie Hartshorne, said: "This is such an exciting development and will deliver a completely different forest experience for our visitors.

"The Gruffalo is a world-renowned story, and to be able to bring the characters to life in their natural setting is fantastic.

"It's great we've had the opportunity to join the two worlds of technology and nature together in a sensitive way, sensitively."

It will fully open to visitors on Monday, February 20. The Gruffalo made its author the first in UK history to make sales of more than £10m for five consecutive years. The protagonist of the book is a mouse, who is taking a walk through a European forest. The trail is free to use, along with the app, but the Forestry Commission asks that visitors pay to park. Parking is charged at £1.50 or £4 all day and all machines are coin-only.

Parents will be able to buy a Gruffalo activity kit, which will contain an evidence collection bag, fact and activity cards, stickers of the book's characters, a magnifying glass, a ruler and a pencil, before their children take on the trail. That will be available at Go Ape and the Birches Valley Cafe for £3.

For more information visit www.forestry.gov.uk/gruffalo

POLICE

Plea after man, 29, is robbed in attack

POLICE are appealing for information after a man was robbed and assaulted in Cannock.

The 29-year-old, who was attacked in Church Street, suffered facial injuries and had his bank card and mobile phone stolen.

The attack happened at about 4am on Sunday outside the Quartz Bar.

Anyone who witnessed the assault, or has any information about the incident, is asked to call Staffordshire Police on 101, quoting incident number 158 of February 12.

RESERVOIR

Repair work begins on Chasewater dam

MAINTENANCE work is being carried out at Chasewater Reservoir to improve drainage in the dam wall.

The wall, made of clay, earth and stone, is semi-permeable and designed by its original engineers to allow some water to filter through.

Now council workers are adding stone, installing new drains and clearing silt from existing ones. Staffordshire County Council says 'the design and nature of the dam wall means that it needs ongoing monitoring and care'.

FOOTBALL

England game to be played at Keys Park

HEDNESFORD Town Football Club has been selected to host an England women's international game next week.

England Women under-17s will play Norway at Keys Park on Thursday, February 23 before taking on the USA at Telford two days later. Tickets are £3 for adults, £1 for children and £1.50 for pensioners.

Carl Cooper, Hednesford Town's general manager, said: "With the first game falling on a half-term week we hope to see lots of our supporters coming along to support the England Women's side as they gear up for their Euro qualifiers by taking on Norway."

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Appeal as £3k stolen from 80-year-old

Police issued this e-fit

PEOPLE are being warned to stay on their guard after a man tricked his way into an 80-year-old woman's home and stole more than £3,000.

Staffordshire Police are hunting for two men in connection with the incident.

The force has now released these two e-fit images of the offenders.

One of the men told the pensioner that he would check her fencing in case it needed to be replaced after he knocked on her door at about 8.30am on Wednesday last week.

"The woman allowed him into her home, and he inspected the fencing and offered to replace it," a police spokesman said.

"She agreed to pay him a sum of money, went to collect cash from a cupboard and, at his request, opened a back door so he could fetch an extension lead.

"But instead of completing the work, he took £3,100 in cash before leaving the property."

The first man is described as being white and in his 40s. He was about 5ft 9in to 6ft and of a large build. He was wearing a black, long-sleeved top with dark trousers and a hat.

The second man was sat outside in a vehicle, which could have been a white or silver Vauxhall Astra car or van. He is believed to be white, about 18 or 19 and of a sturdy build.

Anyone with information is urged to call Staffordshire Police on 101 and quote 108 of February 8.

The man sat in a car

Six months later...farm blaze 'still smouldering'

IT started six months ago, sending huge plumes of smoke into the sky that could be seen for miles around.

And today the waste fire at Oak Tree Farm in Slitting Mill Road, Rugeley, is still alight.

The blaze, which started on September 5 and involved some 1,000 tonnes of waste, is 'still smouldering', say fire service bosses. It is still unknown how it started.

The toxins stretched as far as Hednesford, about four miles from the farm, and it was revealed that fire services spent more than £110,000 tackling the blaze.

Staffordshire firefighters spent more than 340 hours on the site, and costs for just attending spiralled to at least £103,221.

The service also hired a digger from JCB for 21 days to move rubbish, in an effort to stop the fire, at a cost of £10,500.

Firefighters have used soil to cap the fire twice in an attempt to put it out and will soon do it for a third time.

Station manager Paul Cullen said: "The fire at Slitting Mill is still smouldering under a cap of earth that was used to suppress the fire in early September.

Separate

"We are continuing to carry out regular site inspections to monitor the integrity of the cap and carry out thermal monitoring to determine temperature ranges.

"To date we have carried out remedial works on the cap, covering the fire on two separate occasions with heavy plant machinery. We envisage carrying out further works on the cap covering the fire."

Smoke and toxins from the blaze forced residents to keep their windows and doors closed due to the smoke.

Help was required from crews in Abbots Bromley, Chase Terrace, Longton, Barton under Needwood, Penkridge, Stafford, Stone and Burton upon Trent.

Councillor Alan Dudson, who represents Brereton and Ravenhill in Cannock Chase and lives near the fire, said: "I predicted that it would take up until early this year for everything to settle because the scale of the thing was so enormous. There is still a lot of work to do really. Once the fire has gone out you have the clean-up, it has had a real impact on our area, not just on the day itself but the aftermath."

Parents speak out over son's school

Five Ways School pupil Jack Hopwood and parents Sarah and James Hopwood, who are unhappy at his treatment

"I feel like they are trying to get rid of him." Those are the words of a distraught mother-of-three who has criticised a school for repeatedly excluding her autistic son.

Nine-year-old Jack Hopwood has had three good years at Five Ways Primary School in Heath Hayes but thing have gone downhill since December when he was suspended over a row surrounding a class Christmas card list.

Now, after periods of isolation and exclusions, his mother Sarah Hopwood, 30, claims teachers have changed their approach to handling Jack's behaviour which she fears will ultimately lead to him being expelled for good.

His grandfather John Shaw is so incensed about the situation he has demonstrated outside the school.

Mrs Hopwood, who works at Fineline Windows in Burntwood, said: "It is disgusting what they are doing. I totally know Jack is not the easiest child to handle in the world and his autism is challenging. I am not disputing that at all. But handled correctly he is manageable.

"His other two brothers don't have autism and I get more hassle from them sometimes."

In response headteacher Rachel Mander said: "We are an inclusive school and care deeply for all our children and we strive to work in partnership with parents to secure the best possible outcomes for all.

"However, we cannot allow any child to disrupt their own learning and that of others."

Councillor in talks on decision to close bank

BURNTWOOD councillor Sue Woodward has met with HSBC officials to discuss the closure of HSBC's branch in Chase Terrace.

Although she is 'disappointed' that the closure will go ahead, she received reassurances on behalf of the local community, and the bank's customers, about next steps.

Councillor Woodward said the meeting was arranged through an invitation by HSBC area director Matt Ridler.

Lichfield District Council leader Councillor Mike Wilcox also attended along with HSBC's branch transformation manager Roy Lewis.

"It was always going to be the longest of long shots to get a change of heart, although we did make the case for Burntwood as a growth area as strongly as we could," Councillor Woodward said.

"But this decision was a long time coming with the increasing demand for digital and telephone services and a reduction in footfall of around 40 per cent.

"The bank also wanted clarity for staff regarding which branches were likely to close – hence the announcement of the 62 closures this year with secure redeployment options for employees.

"However, HSBC did give reassurances on what happens next and invited me to refer any problems or any hint of promises not being upheld directly to them."

HSBC has said the closures decision 'ensures a more sustainable branch network for the future' with 'fewer but better branches'.

Bosses sign up to NHS staff charter

HEALTH commissioners in Stafford and Cannock have taken steps to increase awareness of mental health issues in the workplace by signing up to the national Mindful Employer initiative.

Stafford and Surrounds and Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) have signed the Charter for Employers who are Positive About Mental Health, a formal declaration of the CCGs' commitment to the wellbeing of their staff.

The charter is part of the voluntary Mindful Employer initiative, which aims to increase awareness of mental health in the workplace and support businesses in recruiting and retaining staff.

South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCG signed up to the charter 12 months ago.

Speaker to tell the story of abdication

CHESLYN Hay & District Local History Society is meeting on Thursday, February 23, at 7.30pm when Mary Bodfish will give a talk, 'You Can't Abdicate and Eat It !' about Edward VIII.

The venue is the Salem, in High Street, Cheslyn Hay. Admission is £1.

Motorcyclist died when bike slipped on the A5

A KEEN motorcyclist from Great Wyrley died after he lost control of his classic bike on the A5 in Shropshire.

Scott Roberts, of Shaw's Lane, died instantly when his restored Vincent motorbike 'slipped' and crashed.

An inquest heard that Mr Roberts lost control when his bike travelled over a painted hatched area of the road, which was more slippery than the normal carriageway. The motorcyclist was thrown from the bike and into the path of an oncoming car.

The 32-year-old commissioning engineer was travelling from Oswestry towards Shrewsbury when the accident happened at 7am on September 26. He was hit by a Ford Fiesta coming from Shrewsbury and died at the scene. The motorist was uninjured.

The inquest heard that the weather had been overcast and the road surface was damp. John Ellery, senior coroner for Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin, heard evidence from collision investigator Pc Nick Stafford, who said the bike had been perfectly maintained and there were no deficiencies.

He told the hearing: "The motorbike was being ridden in the white 'hatched' area. He should not have been in that hatched area."

Mr Ellery said no blame was attached to the driver of the Ford Fiesta, which was in the correct lane.

The inquest heard the medical cause of death was multiple injuries due to a road traffic collision.

Mr Ellery added: "My conclusion is that he died as a result of a road traffic collision."

Councils to take in 140 refugees

NEARLY 150 refugees from war-torn Syria will be taken in by Black Country councils over the next five years.

Wolverhampton has pledged to help 100 people by 2020, while Dudley will accommodate 20 over the next five years. Walsall will take in 20 until May. Staffordshire County Council has already taken in 51 people from the Middle East country, while Dudley has housed two families.

Prime Minister Theresa May has said the UK would resettle up to 20,000 refugees from the Middle East and North Africa by 2020.

About 400,000 people have been killed in Syria since the war between the government and rebels began almost six years ago, the United Nations estimates.

Playgroup jumble sale at village hall

BROCTON pre-school playgroup's annual jumble sale is on the way.

The event is at Brocton Village Hall on Saturday at 1pm. Admission is 20p with proceeds going to the playgroup, which is a registered charity.

Two new warehouses at business park

Aerial shot of Kingswood Lakeside

TWO more huge warehouses will be built on a multi-million pound development in Cannock.

Cannock Chase Council granted planning permission for the developments at Kingswood Lakeside. Developers Opus Land will start construction on the empty land within a month.

Staffordshire County Council has led the development on the former open cast coal mine site, next to the M6 Toll, since 2012. The warehouses have been named Conneqt Alpha and Conneqt Beta but have yet to be allocated to any company. Tenants are being sought.

The larger warehouse, to be built in Blakeney Way, will cover an area of 153,635 sq ft (14,273 sq m) and there will be 14 loading docks installed there. It will come with 56 parking spaces for trailers and a further 186 for cars, along with dedicated motorcycle parking and a cycle shelter.

The smaller Conneqt Beta warehouse will cover 129,550 sq ft (12,035 sq m) and there will be spaces for 47 trailers and 158 cars.

Work on the £20m First Choice distribution centre, which is expected to bring in 100 jobs, started in March 2016. It is located next to the Conneqt site. Household names including DHL, Unilever, 3663 and Veolia are already based at Kingswood Lakeside.

Another tenant, HellermannTyton, relocated to Kingswood Lakeside from Aldridge in December.

County Council economic growth leader Councillor Mark Winnington said: "The two speculative developments by Opus will be a welcome addition to an already thriving business park."

Roofer conned elderly man out of £11,500

A FRAUDSTER who befriended and conned an elderly man into paying him £11,500 for work on his roof and conservatory has been ordered to pay nearly all of it back.

David Allen cold-called 67-year-old Christopher Dutton at his Rugeley bungalow and persuaded him to hand over an initial £9,000 for maintenance work, which had been 'massively' overpriced. Allen, aged 56, returned to Mr Dutton's bungalow a few days later and conned him out of a further £2,500. An investigation carried out by Staffordshire trading standards revealed that a reasonable price for all of the work completed would have been £1,770.

David Allen

This week, at Birmingham Magistrates Court, Allen was told to pay the entire amount overcharged back to Mr Dutton, totalling £9,780.

Recorder Anthony Lowe also issued a 16-month suspended jail term and ordered Allen to pay the entire prosecution costs of £12,188.30. He said: "I am quite sure you won't do the same thing again." The court heard that Allen called at Mr Dutton's bungalow in June 2014 trading as Rooftop Solutions.

Mr Ben Mills, prosecuting, said Allen told Mr Dutton he had a loose roof tile and climbed up to show him. "Mr Dutton invited them in as he is a trusting man," Mr Mills added. "It didn't take long for the defendant to persuade Mr Dutton a number of things needed to be done."

Mr Dutton handed over the initial £9,000 having been quoted for roof tiles to be removed, re-bedding and for his rear conservatory to be taken down. The court heard Allen and his workers spent seven days at the bungalow carrying out the work, much of which was to a poor standard, and some was not done at all.

He secured the further £2,500 having convinced Mr Dutton he needed solar reflective paint at the back of his bungalow.

Two days later a neighbour who suspected wrong-doing informed a passing police officer.

At his trial last year, Allen, of Kinghurst, Birmingham, pleaded guilty to dishonestly making a false representation in order to make gains for himself. At this week's hearing, Mr David Munro, defending, said the con was a short cut to solving financial difficulties.

He added: "My client had been a victim of a theft himself not long before."

Caring couple's special award

Catherine Care founders Jim and Sharron Keown with, centre, James Earll at the new base in Norton Canes

A HUSBAND and wife care team from Staffordshire have beaten 700 other employers to win an employer of the year award.

Jim Keown, aged 64, and Sharron Keown, 54, who set up Catherine Care in 2010, found out they had won the award when they received a call from Aspiration Training in December.

The care company, through Aspiration, employs apprentices and supports adults with learning difficulties.

Starting out in a small residential home the pair now work with more 60 employees from their newly developed base, originally an industrial unit, in Norton Canes.

Mrs Keown said: "We recognised there was a gap in the market for people with learning disabilities in South Staffordshire. We're really, really pleased. The award made us step back and see that we are doing something really good."

Day-to-day operations include, hydrotherapy, social media training and customer care work experience opportunities in newly opened tea rooms.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cash for projects welcomed by MP

SOUTH Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson has welcomed funding for two community projects.

Harrisons football ground, home of Wyrley Juniors, and the Coven playing field will be refurbished using cash from the Aviva Community Fund.

Mr Williamson, who is the Government's Chief Whip, said: "This is such an exciting opportunity.

"I know how well received this will be. These two projects are brilliant examples of our villages coming together to work towards improving facilities for our young people."

Caravans ordered to leave car park

TRAVELLERS were served with a notice to leave Chase Leisure Centre after setting up camp on the car park again.

The two caravans left the Stafford Road site after being handed the order on Thursday.

The travellers told staff they would be moving on after they had bathed their children.

Cannock Chase Council has introduced new protocol to deal with travellers after a group left the site littered last year. The centre has become a hotspot for travellers.

University move gets go-ahead

THE relocation of Wolverhampton University's Stafford base has moved a step closer.

Stafford Borough Council planning chiefs have rubber stamped a change of use at 2A Staffordshire Place, where the university wants to move to, from a shop and restaurant to non-residential institution.

The university is looking to start courses in the next academic year. Bosses were looking for a new home after leaving Stafford's Shire Hall.

Cyclists set to tackle 100-mile charity ride

A STAFFORDSHIRE-BASED charity that provides support to disabled children and their families has places available for a cycling event.

The Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100 takes place on Sunday, July 30. The 100-mile cycling challenge will test the skills of amateur riders on a route made famous by the world's best cyclists at the London 2012 Olympics.

The event raises money for charity including Staffordshire-based Caudwell Children.

Marina start of walk

CHASE Ramblers' outing this Sunday is an eight-mile easy walk from Barton Marina. The meeting point is Hednesford railway station car park, in Anglesey Street, Hednesford, for a 9am prompt departure. For further details contact John on 01543 677816. New walkers are welcome.

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COUNTY NEWS

Victims of FGM are urged to speak out

WOMEN and girls affected by female genital mutilation are being urged to speak out as part of a new campaign.

The No Choice, No Voice campaign has been launched by the police to stop the practice of FGM. The campaign states as its opening message: "FGM It's happening here, it's happening now to girls in the West Midlands . . . and it's criminal #FGMletstalk."

Police can be called on 101 or @CrimestoppersUK anonymously on 0800 555 111, or there is the NSPCC helpline on 0800 028 3550. For details, search #FGMletstalk on Twitter.

Business expert is chief of board

THE Chartered Management Institute (CMI) has named the Dean of the Business School at University College Birmingham (UCB), Dilshad Sheikh, as the new Chair of its West Midlands Board.

The Dean of the Business School has been appointed for a two-year term, taking over from Services Business Executive for Rolls-Royce, Andrea Pisoni. Dilshad said: "I am absolutely delighted.

"I am very much looking forward to making a positive contribution with measurable impacts to the region."

Candidate Simon in police pledge

LABOUR'S West Midlands mayoral candidate says he is committed to protecting police numbers as he vowed to improve public safety.

Siôn Simon says he will 'contrast the complacency shown by ministers in London' and tackle 'everyday crime', such as violence and intimidation, spitting and smoking on public transport.

He added: "We have the right to feel safe where we live. That means doing all I can to defend police numbers."

Skydiving on horizon in £20m plan for NEC

THE owner of Alton Towers plans to open a £20 million adventure centre at Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre that could include a skydiving experience.

Merlin Attractions, the company that is also behind Legoland Resort, wants to build the Project Thor centre at The Pavilion, next to the Genting Arena. It would also feature a high ropes course. The centre would be aimed at teenagers and young adults, according to a planning application.

Elvis for One Night

AN award-winning Elvis tribute is coming to Bilston next month. Gordon Davis has won Images of the King in Memphis. He will be at the Robin 2 on Saturday, March 11. Tickets are £15 in advance, £17.50 on the door, at the box office on 01902 401211 or on www.therobin.co.uk

Wilko to leave town after 28 years

WILKO will close its shop in Cannock town centre after nearly three decades of trading – with more than a dozen jobs set to be axed.

The move, which has been on the cards for the last three years, was confirmed by the homeware retail chain after workers revealed that the store in the Forum Shopping Centre will close on March 31.

Out of 24 jobs in total, up to 10 could be saved by transfers to other stores, while nine staff have opted for redundancy, and contracts for five temporary workers will end.

Bosses at Wilko, which has been in the town centre for 28 years, said that after three years of negotiating the lease, they had finally exhausted all of their options.

A spokesman said: "Our team members have really supported the Cannock community, raising £1,400 for Cancer Research, their chosen charity. We know that they – and our loyal customers – will be very disappointed that we have to leave the town.

"But many will be aware that we have only been able to keep Cannock open for the last three years as a result of ongoing negotiations with the landlord. Now, regrettably, all our options have been exhausted and there are no further viable routes open to us."

Michael Tichford, head of economic development at Cannock Chase Council, said: "The council considers that Wilko provide a valuable contribution to the town centre offer and regrets the loss of the store. The council regrets any job losses but are hopeful that with current low unemployment levels other work will be available."

Disused social club to be sold for housing

By Carl Jackson

A FORMER social club in Hednesford earmarked for a housing development is to be auctioned off.

Planning permission has been granted to convert Prairie Farm Working Man's Club in Fosters Avenue into four apartments.

The venue has been valued at more than £75,000 and will be put up for bids at Aston Villa FC on February 23.

Planning permission was granted to convert the club last July.

It closed a year prior to that, with the leaseholder at the time declaring it was 'no longer viable' as a licensed premises.

The former club

Graham Burnett, who represents the area on Cannock Chase Council, lamented the possible loss of another popular venue which is ingrained in the town's industrial heritage.

He said: "I imagine it was a very popular place once upon a time, like all of the working men's clubs in the area were.

"There has been really strong support for them in the past, as they were closely associated with the mining in the area and so on.

"Wherever possible we have certainly tried to keep them through the planning process.

"Sadly this one looks like it might have met its own time limits.

"We do need houses but it will be a shame to see it go."

Although it would seem the writing is on the wall for the former club, auctioneers SDL Bigwood are still encouraging offers from investors who could re-invigorate it as a social venue.

In the property description the firm states: "Set back from the road in a corner position with tarmacadam forecourt for off-road parking this former working man's club could be utilised for continuation of its existing use or alternatively converted into three, one bedroom apartments and one, two bedroom apartment."

Drivers faced with wintry conditions

The snow comes down in Hednesford Road, Cannock, at the weekend

IT was a wintry weekend for many as snow fell across the region and temperatures plummeted to just below freezing.

Drivers were told to take care on the roads as the Met Office issued a yellow weather warning.

People in Staffordshire woke to a blanket of snow on Saturday, but some motorists – including this one pictured in Hednesford Road, Cannock – braved the cold conditions and ventured out.

The wintry flurries continued to fall on Sunday afternoon as temperatures remained low. Social media was awash with picturesque scenes, including one which showed two horses surrounded by snow on Cannock Chase, and ambulances covered in snow before the start of a shift.

Up to four inches of snow – 10cm – fell on higher ground.

The weather warnings were in force until Sunday, covering higher ground in the North between Sheffield and Edinburgh, and Kent and Sussex in the South East.

Takeaway is told to pay £3.5k over its hygiene

A TAKEAWAY with grease-stained walls and equipment has been ordered to pay more than £3,500 for breaching food safety and hygiene regulations.

M-unch in Walsall Road, Great Wyrley, which provides hot and cold sandwiches, was warned several times that it faced prosecution if the cleanliness of its cooking areas and utensils failed to improve.

The takeaway

The owners have now been taken to court, where they admitted three breaches of food safety and hygiene regulations. In total, including costs, they have had to pay £3,658.72.

The investigation began when food safety officers from South Staffordshire Council visited M-unch in November 2015 and found unacceptable conditions. These included heavily greased-stained walls, ceiling and floor areas and cooking equipment which was also encrusted with grease.

Repeated warnings were given to the food business to improve the standard of cleaning and hygiene practices, and three hygiene improvement notices were served on the owners to secure improvements within a specified time period.

After the business owners failed to meet the deadlines, they appeared before North Staffordshire Justice Centre in Newcastle-under-Lyme and pleaded guilty to the charges.

Badly injured rider flown to hospital

A STAFFORDSHIRE motorcyclist was seriously injured when he came off his bike.

The man was airlifted to Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, after the incident in Eastern Avenue, Lichfield, at 7.30am on Thursday.

A spokesman for West Midlands Ambulance Service said: "No other vehicles are believed to have been involved in the incident.

"The man, believed to be in his 50s, was assessed and treated for serious injuries including to his chest, abdomen, pelvis and ankle.

"He remained fully conscious throughout," the spokesman added.

"Whilst in a serious condition, it is clear his injuries could have been much worse had he not been wearing full leathers and a helmet."

Oh yes, it did! Panto breaks ticket record

STAFF at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre are celebrating after their panto smashed all box office records.

Aladdin grossed in excess of £100,000 more than its previous year's production of Peter Pan. More than 60,000 people saw the show.

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Hospitals are owed £1.3m by patients from abroad

HOSPITAL trusts in the Black Country are owed more than £1.3 million from overseas visitors.

The bills are racked up by visitors to the UK who are not entitled to free healthcare in the country but then require treatment.

A total of £1,329,202.59 is owed to hospital trusts in Wolverhampton, Sandwell, Dudley and Walsall.

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, which runs New Cross Hospital and Cannock Chase Hospital, is owed £621,028.59.

The trust said it had 'come to an arrangement' with individuals, meaning at least £175,000 was to be recovered, with £285,198.81 referred to a debt recovery agency and the rest yet to be allocated either to the agency or covered by a payment plan.

Examples of outstanding bills include a pregnant mother who had a premature birth at Walsall Manor Hospital and owed £50,229.

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust declined to provide updated figures.

University Hospital North Midlands NHS Trust, which runs County Hospital in Stafford, declined to provide figures and said they must be obtained through a Freedom of Information request.

West Midlands MEP Bill Etheridge, who is also a councillor in Dudley, said the figures were 'very, very concerning' and called for a stop to be put on health tourism. He said: "This is a prime example of it being the NHS, national health service, not the IHS, the international health service."

Estate burglaries spark police alert

STAFFORDSHIRE residents have been reminded to keep their homes and valuable secure following targeted raids on properties.

A spate of burglaries on estates in Cannock, Rugeley and Lichfield have included opportunistic criminals breaking in and stealing valuables including jewellery and car keys before making off with the vehicles.

Staffordshire Police's lead officer for prevention and early intervention Supt Carl Ratcliffe said: "A few simple steps can prevent thieves from targeting your property and stealing valuable and sentimental items.

This advice aims to reduce opportunities for thieves to strike."

Advice can be found at https://www.staffordshire.police.uk/burglary

It's swing time at Valentine's show

A VALENTINE concert is taking place at Great Wyrley Sports and Social Club this Sunday.

Millertones Swing Band, featuring vocalists Barbara Taylor and Cav Craddock, will perform 8pm to 10.30pm.

Prisoners brawl in 'Fight Club' footage

Featherstone Prison – violence

SHOCKING footage showing two prisoners in a 'Fight Club' style boxing match at a prison has emerged online.

The video is believed to have been filmed on a mobile phone smuggled into Featherstone Prison and features two men laying into each other with vicious blows.

The topless pair have strapping around their hands and are urged on by about 20 other prisoners who have gathered to watch the 'bout'.

It is the latest damning episode for bosses at the government-run jail after a report by the Independent Monitoring Board, released in December, revealed widespread violence and use of hard drugs. The Prison Service said it intended to remove the video from the internet and had reported the incident to Staffordshire Police.

Councillor Bob Cope, who represents Featherstone on South Staffordshire Council, said he was deeply concerned by the apparently unstable conditions inside thye prison.

He said: "There is big concern about what is going on."

The Prison Service said it would not hesitate to take disciplinary action against those involved in the fight at the 700-capacity jail.

A spokesperson for the service said: "This behaviour is completely unacceptableWe are committed to making prisons places of safety and reform and are stepping up measures to tackle violence and find and block mobile phones in prisons."

A Staffordshire Police spokesman said: "We are aware of this incident and we are working with prison authorities to investigate any offences that have been committed."

Watchdog attacks care home over its staffing

A NURSING home has been told to improve by the health watchdog.

The Heathers Nursing Home, in Gorsemoor Road, Cannock, has been rated as 'requires improvement' by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

Inspectors visited on January 4. Among a host of failings, they found care records had not been updated and the home did not have enough staff for its residents' needs.

The home, which cares for more than 45 residents, has been rated 'requires improvement' for its safety, effectiveness, responsiveness and level of care, while its leadership was rated inadequate. A report prepared after inspectors visited the home last month said: "People who received nursing care for skin damage had not had their care records updated.

"We could not always identify the stage of wound care, and when the wound had healed, this had not been recorded.

"This meant we could not be sure the records for people specified the correct level of care needed for their wound. We saw some people required checks and repositioning at regular intervals to keep them safe.

Risk

"One staff member we spoke with said 'due to the staffing levels and getting side-tracked, we cannot always physically get round'.

"We saw one person who was at risk of entrapment from their bedrails required a check every two hours. However, we found this person had not received these checks and was found by us to be in a position of risk."

The home cares for up to 47 people who have physical health needs and/or dementia.

It was also criticised for not routinely asking residents and relatives for their views.

The report added: "At this inspection we found people were not routinely asked their views about the home. One relative said 'I haven't done any surveys or my relative, I think they would have said if they had'.

"Staff told us they felt supported; however they had not received regular supervision.

"At the previous inspection we raised concerns that care plans had not been regularly reviewed. We saw this continued to be an area of concern. For example, one person had not had their care plan reviewed from August 2016 until December 2016."

No-one at Indigo Care Services, which runs the home, was available for comment.

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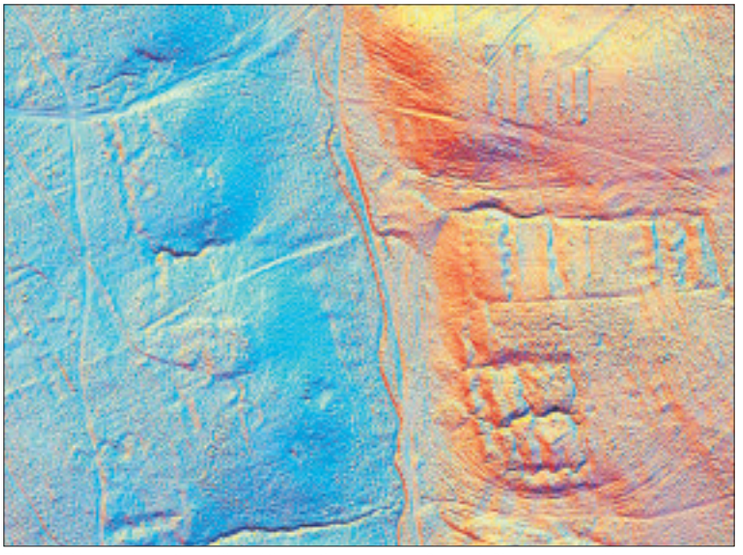
The Chase in a totally new light



This aerial image shows the outline of the wartime camps on Cannock Chase preserved below the surface

IT'S the Chase, but not as you know it. The latest photographs released from the Chase Through Time project show the historic practice trenches used to train soldiers for the First World War.

They are still perfectly preserved beneath the surface.

This image shows the shape of the land near Brocton camp, which was one of two major bases, along with Rugeley camp, built on Cannock Chase to boost the Allied war effort. Today the overgrown plot provides a tranquil setting compared to the one in 1914 when thousands of troops would have been training for battle.

Building work began within months of the outbreak of the war, with Lord Lichfield granting permission for construction.

But before the huts could be built, the infrastructure including the water supply and roads had to be developed – the outlines of which still remain indented into the ground.

It is estimated around half a million soldiers were trained at the camps which were able to hold up to 40,000 people at one time.

As well as training bases they replicated small settlements complete with their own church, post office, bakery and theatre. But they stood as eerie empty shells after the war ended until eventually Lord Lichfield sold them off.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cats rescue group given £5k grant

RUGELEY Cats Society has received a £5,000 capital grant from the charity Support Adoption For Pets to help pay for vets' bills.

Amy Wilson, fundraising manager at Support Adoption For Pets, said: "It is a real privilege to help an organisation that works so hard to care for and rehome cats in need. They are doing a superb job, and the effort the rescue puts in is an inspiration."

Support Adoption For Pets is an independent charity established by Pets at Home in 2006. Find out more at www.supportadoptionforpets.co.uk

Website helps deal with lost property

PEOPLE reporting lost and found property in Staffordshire are urged to go online rather than call 101.

A new interactive form on the Staffordshire Police website includes information about dealing with lost or found property including a downloadable letter to share with insurance companies if required.

Lisa Cope, head of the force's contact services, said: "Lost property is the third most common type of call to 101. Every report will still be manually reviewed." For details visit www.staffordshire.police.uk/info

Search for very best apprentice

APPRENTICES in Staffordshire are being invited to aim for a top award.

The Top Trade Apprentice awards are organised by Screwfix, which has a number of branches in the Midlands, including a store in Cannock.

The finest apprentices will be selected by Screwfix to go into a national final in April. The winner will receive a business start-up pack including a laptop, £5,000 worth of Screwfix products and funds for training. Entries are open until March 5.

Greggs at hospital is first 'healthy shop'

LESS of the sausage rolls and cheese and onion pasties – more with the fruit, salads and porridge.

Greggs has launched its first 'healthy shop' at New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton. It is the first of its kind in the country.

The branch at the hospital was found to be the second busiest in the country two years ago. Bosses at the chain say the new format is designed to meet NHS England's targets on food which is sold in hospitals.

New homes released

THE first new homes at a property development on the site of a former Burntwood farm have been released for sale. Cameron Homes, based in nearby Chasetown, is behind the scheme to transform the Coney Lodgarm site, in Rugeley Road, by building eight four-bedroom homes.

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Storing up problems by shuffling the stock

DONE your weekly shop at Tesco over the weekend? Might not be a bad idea to check your receipt. According to an excellent investigation by the BBC's Inside Out programme, 33 out of the 50 Tesco stores they visited were advertising things for one price on the shelves, but charging them another at the till.

There is no suggestion of any intent, and when the investigators challenged shop assistants in this neck of the woods, they invariably blamed staff shortages.

In which case, how do they find time to keep shuffling the stock about? Not once in the past three Saturdays have certain things been where they were the previous week, despite signs hanging above the aisles to the contrary. Hunting the Yorkshire puddings in particular has become something of a weekly sport.

Why do supermarkets do this? The official line would be that the layout will make for a better customer experience. To which I say: Total codswallop.

There is the old theory that by forcing us to spend longer round the aisles, we will buy other things that catch our eye while looking for those elusive Yorkshires. But are people really so stupid? Have any of you thought: "Hmm, I can't find the Yorkshire pudding to go with my Sunday roast, but that quinoa looks rather nice, and let's buy some ice cream while we're about it"? No, didn't think so.

What usually happens in my case is that after about 10 minutes' searching, I will concede defeat and storm off in a huff without buying it.

It has been a lean time for our big supermarkets, which have been feeling the pinch from discount rivals. So here's an idea. Just decide where the best location is for the Yorkshire pudding and the cooked meat. And leave it there. For the next 10 years at least.

It probably won't send profits through the roof, but they might just sell a bit more.

As they say, every little helps.

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LEAKED emails reveal David Beckham was a bit miffed that he was only appointed an OBE, clearly believing he deserved a knighthood.

Frankly, I've never really bought into all this Goldenballs stuff. A prodigous talent, no doubt, but his former manager Sir Alex Ferguson frequently talked about how his showbiz lifestyle didn't sit well with the discipline of team sport.

Which is probably why, as we look back on his career, he is better remembered for his sarong, sandals, tattoos and pop-star wife than anything he achieved on the football field.

He might also like to consider what makes him different from his predecessor as England captain. Bobby Moore, who contented himself with an OBE.

Except that Bobby Moore's England team won something.

Where blame lies for 'broken' housing programme

EU president Jean-Claude Juncker – but how many people know about him?

New term 'nabbit' as Diane Abbott missed the crucial vote in the Commons

The late, great comedian Les Dawson proved just the job as a storyteller

Real problem is our soaring population

WHEN ministers talk of our "broken" housing programme, they need look no further than the House of Commons for someone to blame. Britain is a big and welcoming country. It could cope perfectly well with net migration of 100,000 newcomers per year. But when the UK population is allowed to grow at up to five times that rate, from 50 million to 70 million in a single lifetime, then everything, including surgeries, hospitals, schools, roads, railways and electricity, gas and water supplies, begins to creak and fall apart. There is absolutely no point in any Government brandishing a new White Paper and announcing a new housing policy unless it also has a viable population policy. We are still waiting.

GREAT coincidences of our time. Number of houses required to meet Britain's housing needs: 300,000 per year. Net migration into Britain: 300,000 per year.

THE Government says old folk occupying big houses will be "given incentives" to move into smaller properties. A reader asks: "Will the same criteria apply to the stately piles of England: Buckingham Palace,Windsor Castle and Clarence House?" Any more questions like that, my lad, and you'll find yourself in a very large dwelling. The Tower.

A RECENT item on predictive text gave the example of Wton (short for Wolverhampton) being confused with Eton (the public school). In real life, the two could never be confused. One is a multicultural place populated by people with an impenetrable accent and bizarre dresssense who are ridiculously proud of it. The other is Wolverhampton.

YOU may recall my ill-fated Campaign for the Restoration of Authentic Plumbing, a cause damned by its own initials. It may be time to revive it. A report by Age UK alleges that modern push-button lavatory flushes can be impossible for some old folk to operate. A device that makes perfect sense to bright young designers in the bog-flush industry may be quite impossible if you are old, frail and have a touch of arthritis. As a general rule, if something has worked for 100 years, leave it alone. Pull chains and lever flushes have served this great nation very well. Let us see more of them.

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

A EURO-QUIZ. Who is the president of the European Commission? When was he elected by the people? What are his views on migration? What's his wife's name? If you are stumped for the answers, you are in the majority. We know all these things about Donald Trump, the new President of the United States, but are blissfully ignorant about the leaders of the European Union. It proves that, whatever The Remoaners tell us, most Britons have never really engaged with the EU. Even after 40 years of the European Project, we still look west towards Washington rather than east towards Brussels. The answers? The EU president is Jean-Claude Juncker. Elected by the people? You must be joking; he was appointed by MEPs. He says the migration crisis should be handled "with solidarity and the heart." His wife is Christiane. That's enough EU trivia, isn't it? Now, back to the interesting stuff at the White House . . .

AS the trial in Apple Tree Yard (BBC1) came to its climax, the foreman of the jury did not merely deliver the verdict but did so after a long pause, as seen with the Strictly Come Dancing voting, to build up the tension. It was a silly moment to insert in a serious drama but it made me wonder. In this age, when people base their language and behaviour on what they see on television, has a real-life foreman in a real-life court announced: "We find the accused (interminable pause) not guilty"? I can think of some crusty old judges who would have sent the foreman straight to the cells for contempt for turning a serious trial into a drama.

NEW terms for out time: The nabbott. A nabbott is a sudden and mysterious disease which immediately disqualifies the victim from important business, such as voting in the Commons. The defining characteristic of the nabbott is that not everyone believes it is real. As in: "He's just throwing a nabbott."

HOWEVER, if Diane Abbott was genuinely struck down by a migraine just before the Brexit White Paper vote, she deserves our sympathy. Nobody ever gets just one migraine. They strike time after time. In my case it was once every six months. They came, throbbed for exactly six-and-a-half hours (so regular that you could set your clock by them) and then vanished, leaving me weak and wobbly but strangely cleansed. I suffered years of migraines; they suddenly stopped when I was put on blood pressure tablets.

THE late, great Les Dawson told the tale of a man who went to the Jobcentre and explained it had been a long time since he'd had a job. "So what was that job?" asked the clerk. "Zeppelin builder," replied the man. It's a reminder that some jobs don't survive the march of history. Carl Frey, a technology expert at Oxford University, has compiled a list of the £40,000-plus jobs most at risk from robots. Right at the top, I am delighted to report, are insurance underwriters.

TALKING POINT

Blow the whistle on treatment of referees

GRASSROOTS football is facing strikers of a different kind – the referees.

The men in black are being led in a protest campaign by young referee Ryan Hampson, an 18-year-old who has been punched, butted and spat on while officiating.

Some 800 officials agreed to join him on a nationwide strike on March 4-5 demanding more action from the FA to protect refs in grassroots football. The strike looks set to be put off after talks with his local FA in Manchester. But this action has been a long time coming and maybe a walkout is exactly what is needed.

Despite the token 'Respect the ref' banner, the man in the middle is easy prey for intimidation, abuse and occasionally violence. Every weekend I have to watch my teenage son set himself up as a target for know-it-all dads, bullying managers and yobbish players.

Most of the time those bellowing about his decisions are in no position to accurately see the action or don't seem to have read a rule book since 1972 – but that doesn't stop them shouting out.

Managers seem to think if they badger a young ref for long enough he/she will change their minds. Or they will be too frightened to give a decision against them. In my experience, an obnoxious and/or vocal manager usually means obnoxious and/or vocal parents. Similarly, disciplined and sporting managers will have respectful parents – and players.

It is a case of 'monkey see, monkey do' with children. Just as they imitate the appalling behaviour of professional players, they also pick up the habits of parents and coaches. These aren't just pushy parents. They might argue they are being supportive but frankly they are embarrassing.

Someone should tell the parents this a group of children playing for fun – though not if you have angry parents pitchside!

Speaking as a referee's mother, if you think it is acceptable to abuse a young lad who has got out of bed on a cold weekend to earn a bit of pocket money then you need to take a long hard look at yourself.

My son has been refereeing since he was 14. Fresh-faced and new to the game, it was tough and many of his friends simply quit. He has grown in confidence and now stands at 6ft tall so tends to see less intimidation but I worry how it will be when he starts taking charge of adult games.

No ref always makes the right call, particularly when your linesman is a well-meaning parent, but that is part of the game. Teams must put up and shut up unless they want to pay for professional linesmen. If these youngsters did not give up their weekends there would be no games. It may just take a strike to remind people.

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More sculptures on way to new-look park

Robot Cossey withone of his wood sculptures in Hednesford Park

Residents are being asked to find a name for the new sculptures

A lizard takes its place in the park

MORE sculptures could be added to Hednesford Park after its woodland creatures proved hugely popular with visitors.

Cannock Chase Council bosses are considering creating more sculptures for the recently revamped park after receiving so much positive feedback on the carved woodland creatures.

It comes as residents are being asked to get involved and find names for the new sculptures dotted around the park.

A competition has been launched by the council encouraging park users to enter names for the sculptures, as well as the inspiration or reason behind the chosen name.

Appear

Councillor Christine Mitchell, leader of culture and sport at the council, said: "These sculptures are a beautiful addition to the park and have attracted a lot of public interest.

"The work has encouraged people who would not have necessarily visited the park to pop along and see the art pieces on show.

"This competition is a great way for park users to get involved and name each sculpture and provide suggestions for the new woodland creatures that will appear later on in the year.

"If you would like to take part in this competition you can download an online entry form by visiting www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/hednesford-park."

The sculptures include an owl, squirrel, woodpecker and lizard.

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SIR ANDREW GREGORY
Chief executive

Station crew are a credit to the fire service

OUR grandson Riley Clarke had to interview a fireman or police officer on behalf of his school for homework.

He chose a fireman. Also accompanied by his mom Alison Clarke, we contacted Cannock Community Fire Station, who were only too willing to be interviewed by our five-year-old grandson, and the firemen who we saw, Rob and Glen, were absolutely fantastic.

They could not have done anymore, not only to make a five-year-old thrilled and delighted, but us adults as well.

The trouble they went to explaining and showing how the fire station operates was truly outstanding.

They are a credit to the fire service, and this fantastic community service should be recognised.

LINDA AND ANDY CLARKE
Norton Canes

Exporting is going to be more complicated

FURTHER to the comments made by Proud Brexiteer, yes I am aware that the world is a big place ("Value of sterling has always gone up and down", February 2).

I am also aware that we already do a lot of business with the rest of the world. However, what most Bexiteers fail to understand is that doing business in Europe as a member of the Single Market is completely different to doing business with the rest of the world.

If, say, a small manufacturing company in Cannock receives an order from a customer in Poland for its products, all it has to do is make the goods, pack them and ship them with an invoice straight to Poland with no extra cost or paper work, ie exactly the same as if the order came from customer in Stafford.

Now if the same company wanted to sell the same products into, say, India the process is far more involved. And before the goods could be landed in India they would have to pay the 30 per cent import tariff months before they were paid for the goods.

The vast majority of small manufacturing companies don't have the resources to do this. So what are the Proud Brexiteers going to say to those who are going to lose their job as a result of us leaving the Single Market?

DAVE CAUSER
Rugeley

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NHS being stripped bare

AS well as the ruinous policy of the Tory government of the 1980s as regards the selling-off of council houses can be added electricity, gas, oil and water, all of which were sold off, to the delight of private enterprise.

Now the NHS, is being stripped bare by private financial initiatives. Once the fag end of nationalisation is stubbed out, all we will own is the ever growing national debt.

T R MILLWARD
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Purple Day for epilepsy awareness

I AM writing to ask readers to turn their world purple for epilepsy on Sunday, March 26.

This is Purple Day, the international day of epilepsy awareness. It is the one day of the year where people across the globe work together to dispel the myths that surround epilepsy, by raising awareness in a positive way. Epilepsy Action would love for readers to get involved.

Every year, the money raised for Epilepsy Action on Purple Day helps us to continue our life-changing work. Whether it's dying your hair purple, munching on purple cakes, or throwing a purple ball, there are so many ways to get in the spirit and celebrate epilepsy awareness.

By visiting epilepsy.org.uk/purple or calling 0113 210 8851, you can request your free purple fundraising pack.

AMY HESSELDEN
Fundraising events officer
Epilepsy Action

Thanks expressed as super sum raised

THE Stafford Branch of the Royal Air Forces Association raised £5,250 for the 2016 Wings Appeal which, for a small but vibrant branch is a superb achievement.

May I through your paper offer my heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation to the following for making it all possible? To the managers and staff and customers of, Asda, B&Q, Co-op, Gala Bingo, the Gatehouse Theatre, County Showground, Stafford Borough Council, Stafford railway station, Sainsbury's, Uttoxeter Racecourse and Wilkinson – not forgetting to the good people of Stafford for their overwhelming support and generosity.

A very special mention must also go to the Royal Air Force Association liaison officers from Tactical Supply Wing MoD Stafford, MoD Stafford and 395 Sqn ATC.

KENNY DEVOIR – WINGS APPEAL ORGANISER
Stafford Branch, Royal Air Forces Association

Dream of owning home is a nightmare for many

ACCORDING to the GMB union, a third of all council homes sold off by the Tory government in the 1980s are now owned and rented out by rich landlords.

Mrs Thatcher promised a property-owning democracy but it has left many homeless and huge waiting lists for housing associations.

The dream of home ownership for many has become a nightmare, condemning future generations to paying private landlords, with no chance of owning their own homes. Concils, starved of rental income, have to cut back on essential services, all because the lady loved privatisation.

PHILLIP BRYANT
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Snapshot in time of war memorial

Father and son travel on a bicycle close to the memorial, which still stands in Cannock

THIS picture of Cannock's war memorial shows what the town used to look like in the 1920s.

The image shows what appear to be father and son travelling together on a bicycle close to the memorial, which still stands in Market Place.

A small row of narrow shops appears in the shot, each with their own protruding windows, with shoppers and men in classic trilby-style hats illuminated against the black and white image.

To the left of the photo appears to be a bench where men have stopped to take a seat and reflect on the comings and goings of the afternoon, with an ornate archway just to the right of the memorial itself.

Accompanied

The structure was built in 1923 after a memorial committee had been formed in 1919 to organise the peace celebrations and to formulate a remembrance scheme to recognise those who died during the Great War.

The memorial was unveiled in May 1923 in front of then councillors, the memorial committee, clergy, dignitaries, and Guides and Scouts.

As part of the unveiling, they all made their way from the council offices to the memorial, accompanied by 2nd North Staffordshire Regiment band.

After a special ceremony, the memorial committee formally handed over the memorial to the care of the council. Wreathes were laid and the national anthem was played by the Salvation Army band.

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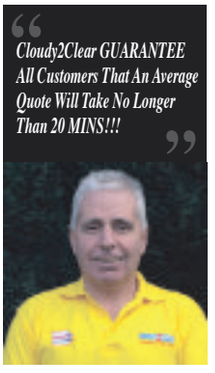

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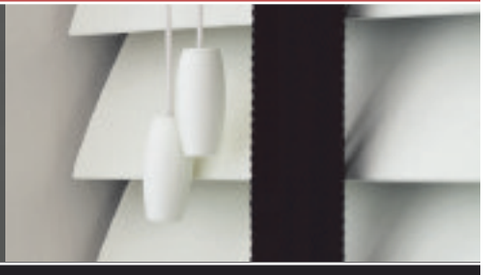

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Launch marks start of new story for library

HEDNESFORD Community Library formally celebrated its new status as a community-managed venue with an opening ceremony.

The library is one of eight being run by a team of volunteers under the management of South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (SSSFT) with support from Staffordshire County Council.

The new arrangements mean the town's library can continue to play a strong role in the community.

Library services such as book loans are still a core part of what is on offer, but the intention is to work with the community to develop other functions based on what people want and need.

Support

Representatives from both SSSFT and SCC, together with many of the volunteers, were joined by invited guests and local people to celebrate the opening.

Volunteer Sue Horton said: "It's been fantastic the amount of support we have received from the local community, both in the number of people coming forward to volunteer and the patience and good wishes of library users.

"It's always nice to know you're appreciated so if anyone has a few hours a week to spare do come and join us, we can always use more volunteers as we hope to extend our services to include such things as home reading and baby bounce and rhyme."

Since becoming a community-managed library in July, more than 9,000 items have been issued, over 22,000 people have been through the doors – an increase of 5.7 per cent on the previous year – and 209 new members have signed up.

Mark Cardwell, social care professional lead for SSSFT, said: "We are really excited to be in partnership with the community in Hednesford and look forward to working with them to provide an excellent library service.

"We are committed to helping people maintain their mental wellbeing and see the opportunities this partnership provides such as volunteering, learning and socialising as key elements of this."

Councillor Gill Heath, libraries chief at Staffordshire County Council, said: "Libraries play a vital role within local communities and we've been working hard to make sure our libraries are sustainable and offer local communities the activities they need.

"This is a great example of how local volunteers are coming forward and making such a difference in running their local library, with support from organisations such as South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust." Anyone who is interested in volunteering should contact libraryvolunteers@sssft.nhs.uk or ask for more information by calling Tracy Thompson, service development manager, on 07811 226607.

● Heath Hayes Community Library will formally celebrate entering a new chapter with a ceremony at 3pm tomorrow (Friday). It is one of the eight libraries which are being provided by a team of local volunteers.

Jean Shepherd, volunteer coordinator at the library, said: "There is an amazing group of volunteers, who each bring different skills to the job.

"They have been passionate about keeping the library open for the community of Heath Hayes and have been rewarded for their efforts by the grateful thanks of the library users, some of whom are unaware that we are volunteers, and most have never worked in a library before.

"It has been extremely satisfying to be able to help customers."

Mark Cardwell, far left, of SSSFT, and Staffordshire's libraries and arts manager Catherine Mann, far right, with volunteers

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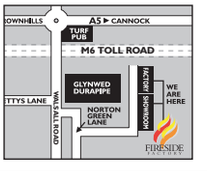

Sad news as stalwart Rene dies

Burntwood WI

THE February meeting began on a sad note when members learned of the death of their oldest and long-serving member, Rene Gooch.

Rene, who celebrated her 100th birthday last year, had been a very active member of of the WI for more than 70 years. During that time she served on the committee, holding the post of treasurer for 30 years-plus.

She was a dedicated WI member, not only in her own Institute but attending and taking part in county events. Rene was an avid supporter of Denman College attending many courses over the years. However, she will be remembered by many for her expertise at Hardanger embroidery.

She ran several courses at County Office in Newport Road and left many examples of skills. She will be greatly missed.

The speaker was Katie West, a staff fundraising officer for the Midland Air Ambulance. Her knowledge of the service was first class as was her enthusiasm and dedication towards raising funds to enable the service to run.

With the help of slides Katie revealed the service is 26 years-old, costs £7 million each year to keep three aircraft operational and gets no funding from the Government or Lottery. It covers six Midland Counties and the cost of each mission is around £2,500.

After her talk she enjoyed a cup of tea and cake. Ron Box closed the meeting with her thought for the month.

Janis serves up a master-ful speech

From left, president Carole Holdcroft and member and speaker Janis Lomas

Cannock Soroptimists

THE first speaker of the year was club member Dr Janis Lomas. Her talk was entitled 'Not quite Downton Abbey – The real lives of country house servants'.

Members and guests were told just how hard life was for servants, sometimes working more than 18 hours per day when the master was entertaining guests.

Dinners could be seven or more courses with, of course, no kitchen gadgets or fridges to help.

Leftovers were often thrown away which must have upset the servants as their own families at home often lacked a good meal. Female servants usually had bedrooms in the attic with the men servants' bedrooms in the basement ensuring ne'er the twain should meet. Servants could be sacked on a whim and if a reference was not forthcoming then a new job was hard to come by.

Good servants who served a family well during their working life were looked after well for the whole of their lives.

Although the subject was rather a grim one Janis added entertaining anecdotes about the eccentricities of those below and above stairs to give an entertaining insight into a lost age.

Twiddle muffs for nursing home

WHEN the dark cold nights began in November, members of SI Cannock & District began knitting twiddle muffs to give to local nursing homes.

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Member June Bould contacted Ashcroft Hollow Nursing Home, Huntington, to enquire if they would be interested to receive twiddle muffs for their residents. Activities co-ordinator Amanda Yates said they had a few but would be grateful to receive more.

A few members visited the home and presented 10 twiddle muffs. Anyone wishing to donate odd balls of wool or decorative items, call 07971 494510 or email si.cannock@outlook.com

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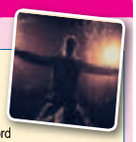

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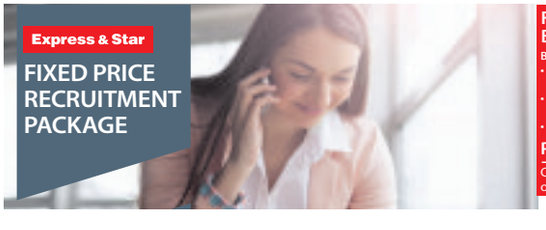

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Dance film showing at theatre

A FEATURE-LENGTH dance film shot in France is being screened in Lichfield today.

Balletboyz – Young Men is purely based on dance and has no dialogue. It will be on at the Lichfield Garrick at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £10 and £7 (students) available by calling 01543 412121 or visiting www.lichfieldgarrick.com

The film is a 12A and is scheduled to run for around 101 minutes.

Tomorrow and Saturday sees a new adaptation of classic horror Frankenstein, suitable for ages 11 and up, is playing at the Garrick at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £17, £12.50 (students) and £11.50 for groups of 10-plus.

And comedy fans are in for a treat next month when Phoenix Nights and Coronation Street star Justin Moorhouse takes to a Stafford stage. The Mancunian stand-up will perform his new show People and Feelings in the MET Studio at Stafford Gatehouse Theatre on March 11 at 8pm.

Call the box office on 01785 619080.

Rapid increase in toll drivers found speeding

SPEEDING on the M6 Toll has nearly quadrupled in the last two years, new figures show. Staffordshire Police caught 295 drivers in 2015, compared with 76 in 2013.

A total of 116 drivers were caught speeding on the toll road in the first half of last year, whereas 149 were caught in 2014. In total, 636 drivers have been caught on the road since 2013. Despite the rapid increase in the figures, Staffordshire Police, whose force area includes the M6 Toll, said it had 'no evidence to suggest' that the motorway was being purposefully targeted.

A force spokesman said: "It's impossible to say if criminals target this stretch any more than any other stretch of motorway. We have no evidence to suggest anything like this."

Asked about the outcomes for the 636 drivers caught, the spokesman added: "Each speeding incident is different, and so we are unable to confirm if a standard fine or speed awareness course was offered to each and every offender."

According to the figures, obtained through a Freedom of Information request, no driver was caught doing more than 100mph.

Limit

The figures provided by Staffordshire Police also detail the number of crimes committed on the motorway – excluding speeding offences – and the number of drivers caught going the wrong way.

In 2013, eight crimes were recorded on the motorway, compared with 19 in 2014 and 21 in 2015. Up to June 30 last year, 10 crimes had been recorded.

A spokesman for Midland Expressway, which owns the M6 Toll, said about the figures: "The M6 Toll is regulated and policed just like any other motorway in the Midlands area, and is subject to the national speed limit of 70mph, which is clearly signed."

£200k of lotto grants handed out in district

John Barrowman – 'ordinary people do extraordinary things'

NEW figures show that more than £200,000 of National Lottery funding was awarded across Cannock Chase last year alone. Thirteen were given out in the district during 2016, giving a boost to arts, sports and heritage projects alongside community groups helping those most in need.

Local projects receiving National Lottery grants last year include £10,000 to the Museum of Cannock Chase; £9,843 to Scallywags Playgroup; and £9,880 to Young@Heart.

These groups, or any organisation that has ever received National Lottery funding, can enter the National Lottery Awards 2017 – the annual search for the UK's favourite Lottery-funded projects. John Barrowman, presenter of the National Lottery Awards show, said: "The awards rightly put the focus on ordinary people doing extraordinary things with National Lottery funding."

To nominate a project in this year's National Lottery Awards, tweet @LottoGoodCauses with suggestions or call 0207 293 3399. The deadline is midnight on April 7.

Diversions alert

DIVERSIONS in Stafford will be in effect from February 20 until May. Drivers will be unable to turn onto Browning Street, County Road, St Patrick's Street and Sash Street from Foregate Street. Instead they will have to use Gaol Road.

Thousands at festival

TENS of thousands of people are expected to attend Stafford's annual cheese and ale festival this year.

Exhibitors are already snapping up places for the popular festival, which is entering its fourth year.

About 30 different cheese and ale makers and suppliers will display their wares alongside other complementary food and drink stalls in a giant marquee in Market Square or along High Street on June 16 and 17.

Visit www.stafford-town centre.co.uk/cheeseandale

Council to consider planning schemes

PLANNING applications received by Lichfield District Council include:

84 Rugeley Road, Chase Terrace – partial demolition of rear single-storey extension and erection of a single and two-storey rear extension to form family room, kitchen, bathroom, utility and bedroom with en suite.

Swallows Barn, Lichfield Road, Hamstall Ridware – works to listed building to enable the installation of two roof lights to rear and bricking up of one window to side.

Church Cottage, Church Lane, Mavesyn Ridware – works to listed building to enable part demolition of outbuilding with refurbishment and new single-storey extension to form gym, office studio and shower room.

Outbuilding at Cherry Orchard Farm, Church Hill, Longdon Green – change of use from agricultural outbuilding to a two-bedroom dwelling.

Comments must be received by February 27.

Date set for review to be unveiled

THE findings of a review which will determine whether children's services could be reinstated at Stafford's County Hospital will be published next month.

University Hospitals of North Midlands has received the draft Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) report into their review of children's emergency services at the hospital. The trust is currently reviewing the report for accuracy, and will be presenting the final version at the next public board meeting on March 6.

Dr Ann Marie Morris, clinical director and emergency consultant, said: "We would like to underline that the minor injuries unit for under-16s at County Hospital cannot currently treat children with illnesses and other conditions. The unit is strictly for minor injuries only, and children with illnesses, rashes/fevers, vomiting/diarrhoea or chronic illnesses can be treated via NHS111 or their GP.

"Parents of children who are severely unwell/injured should call 999.

"The minor injuries unit should be used for head injuries, limb injuries, wounds, sprains, bruises, and fractures."

The trust will continue to provide weekly updates to the local community about the progress of the RCPCH review, and additional media coverage will be arranged where appropriate.

High demand means A&E waiting times are missed

MORE than one in four A&E patients are waiting longer than four hours to be dealt with at two Staffordshire hospitals.

At County Hospital in Stafford, 82 per cent of people were seen, treated, admitted or discharged within four hours in December – the lowest figure in nine months. The national target is 95 per cent.

At Royal Stoke, 72 per cent of patients were dealt with within the four-hour timeframe, meaning that across both sites, which are run by the University Hospitals of North England NHS Trust, performance averaged out at 74 per cent.

Trust chief executive Paula Clark said: "Nationally, the NHS as a whole faced exceptionally high levels of demand for services throughout December and into the new year.

Positive

"Although this has been extremely challenging, I would like to thank our staff for their continued hard work to provide the highest standard of care for our patients.

"We are currently implementing a number of internal processes, which are starting to have a positive impact on our efficiency."

Previous figures showed that there were 178 12-hour trolley waits in December, with the majority – 170 – at Royal Stoke, prompting an investigation by commissioners. And at County's Weston Road site, there were 40 incidents of 12-hour trolley-waits recorded between December 28 and January 6.

Meanwhile, more than one in five A&E patients are waiting longer than four hours to be dealt with at Walsall Manor Hospital.

Figures for December reveal that 79 per cent of people were seen, treated, admitted or discharged within four hours. There were 6,267 emergency patients in the month – an increase of 91 from November – while the number attending by ambulance – 2,841 – was up on the previous month by 111.

Famous names at launch

Ken Knowles as Dr Johnson and David Titley playing David Garrick

TOURISM providers and representatives from across the district assembled for the launch of the Visit Lichfield 2017 guide.

Produced by Lichfield District Council's tourism team, the guide aims to encourage more visitors to the district by highlighting city and district attractions, events, tours, shops, eateries, visitor accommodation, wedding venues and more.

The theatre was chosen as the launch venue, as this year marks the 300th birthday of David Garrick – a famous actor, manager and playwright who grew up in Lichfield and was a contemporary of Samuel Johnson. At the launch, guests heard from Tim Ford, artistic director at the Lichfield Garrick, who introduced Garrick300, which will see themed events held across the city.

Guests were also treated to a performance of The Actor and the Doctor by Ken Knowles and David Titley, offering a glimpse into the friendship between David Garrick and Samuel Johnson.

Around 60,000 copies of the Visit Lichfield guide have already been distributed to tourism providers across the country. It is also available at Tourist Information at St Mary's on the Market Square and it can be downloaded online at www.visitlichfield.co.uk/download

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Churchgoers chip in with Air Ambulance donation

The cheque presentation to Midlands Air Ambulance Charity at Rugeley Community Centre

A £400 donation is winging its way to Midlands Air Ambulance thanks to Rugeley Community Church.

A cheque was presented at Rugeley Community Centre to the charity's fundraising manager Katie West.

Also present were Rugeley-based charity volunteers Linda and Bill Snaith.

Part of the £400 was made up from funds raised at the church's Rugeley Community Helping Hands meeting in November and donations at its Christmas carol service. The church made a further contribution to round up the total amount to £400.

A church spokesman said: "A very big thank you goes out to all involved in the raising of, and donating towards, such a grand sum – well done to everyone."

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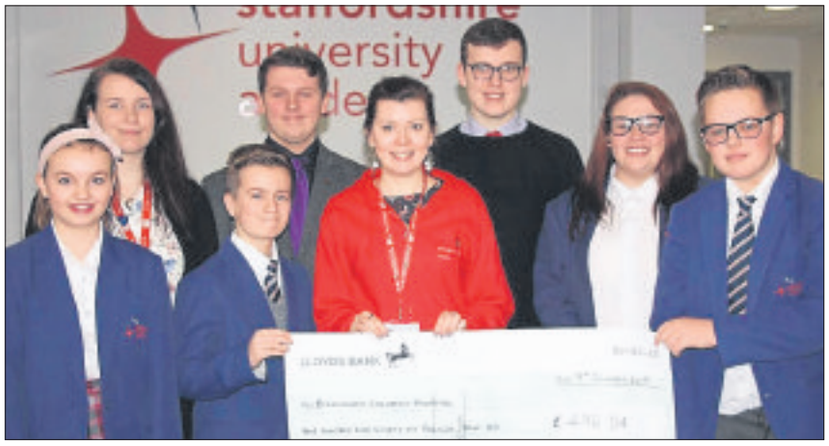
Pupils raise £500 for children's hospital



Pupils at Staffordshire University Academy present the cheque to Anna Pemblebury

KIND-HEARTED students at Staffordshire University Academy have generated almost £500 for charity.

Pupils from the student council arranged a non-school uniform day to raise funds in aid of Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Staff at the school in Marston Road, Hednesford, said it was 'a charity close to the hearts of many of the students and families at the academy and the local community'. Following the fundraising efforts, they welcomed guest speaker Anna Pemblebury, who is the regional fundraiser at the hospital, to a Year 7 and 8 assembly.

The student council then presented a cheque on behalf of the academy for the funds raised to Miss Pemblebury. In total they donated £494.04.

Mill Green 'key to our future'

CANNOCK Chase Council's financial stability is 'highly dependent' on the success of a new £100 million shopping outlet, its leader has said.

The council faces a funding cut of 15 per cent but George Adamson said the prospect of Mill Green opening in 2019, bringing 1,200 new jobs, was 'keeping this council solvent'.

It came as the authority passed its budget for next year. Councillor Adamson said he has again asked the Government for help with transitional funding to deal with the authority's current deficit of £1.6m.

Central government has handed out £300m to authorities across the UK to help them deal with budget cuts.

However, they are mostly in the south of England, and Cannock Chase has been denied any of the cash.

Councillor Adamson said: "We are still highly dependent upon the Mill Green outlet development proceeding according to plan. Without this development, further budget reductions of £700,000 per annum would be required and the deficit would be £2.3m rather than £1.6m."

Over the coming years, the council will lose millions of pounds in funding, prompting a host of cutbacks. There will be six jobs axed in the cuts over 2017-18. Parking charges will be raised by 10p an hour in Cannock and Rugeley and football pitch hire charges will also be increased.

Council tax is expected to increase by 1.95 per cent, meaning a charge of £208.87 for a Band D property in 2017-18. That will be signed off at another full council meeting on February 22.

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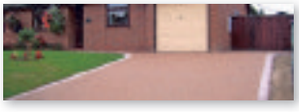

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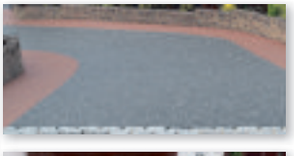

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Care home problems laid bare by watchdog

A CARE home shut down following an inspection was providing care which 'significantly reduced' residents' quality of life, it has been revealed.

Elderly people living at the Sister Dora care home in Milford, sustained 'unexplained injuries', some of which had been caused by staff.

Its 33 residents were also 'at risk of ill-health, malnutrition and dehydration', says a report by the Care Quality Commission.

The appalling state of the home has been laid bare in the watchdog's report. The home was closed in December, just two weeks after an unannounced inspection, with elderly residents forced to move up to 25 miles away to get the care they needed.

In their report the CQC rated the home inadequate overall, meaning it was placed in special measures, as well as rating it inadequate for its safety, effectiveness, caring, responsiveness and leadership.

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During the visit, inspectors found eight residents were at risk of harm or discomfort. One was found with white powder in their mouth, another had fallen asleep with a plastic apron around their neck and a third had received pain relief a day later than required. A fourth needed to have their position changed every two hours to stop them developing sore skin and tissue breakdown, but were in fact moved after five hours.

They also found injuries for which there was no explanation, including bruising to the arm.

In one instance, a resident needing the toilet was reduced to tears after having to wait 45 minutes. Another did not have their incontinence aid checked or changed for at least eight hours.

Staffordshire Police confirmed it had received information from the CQC in relation to the former Sister Dora care home with the information now 'subject to review'.

Jane hands out bursaries

Jane Sutton with bursary award winners Morgan Thomas and Freya Houghton and town council chairman Beth Fisher

BURSARY awards in memory of Stephen Sutton have been handed over by the heroic teenager's mother.

Jane Sutton presented £1,000 cheques and commemorative certificates to Freya Houghton, who has excelled at art and England u-16 golfer Morgan Thomas at a meeting of Burntwood Town Council.

Mrs Sutton said "I am pleased to have been part of the judging panel. We had a very difficult job in making our decision resulting, for the second year, in the award being split."

The Stephen Sutton Bursary is an initiative of Burntwood Town Council that offers up to £2,000 to talented local young people who are developing their skills in art, sport or academia.

Both 2016 bursary award winners attend Stephen's former school, Chase Terrace Technology College. In future the award will be split into two age categories.

Councillor Diane Evans, chairman of governors at Chase Terrace Technology College said: "I'm grateful to Jane Sutton for supporting this initiative and helping judge the entries. This bursary is a legacy which will help these young people to extend and develop their talents in all fields."

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Patrick Downham, left, and Steve Money of Star Feast Foods

Star Feast offers a range of seafood, poultry and dried goods

One of the UK's leading seafood suppliers has launched a new business to target restaurants and the general public.

Star Agro Marine Foods, which provides more than £9m of sustainable shrimp and related products to supermarkets across the country, has invested over £250,000 into rolling-out Star Feast in the Midlands.

The new company will immediately create five jobs and will be responsible for the wholesale, restaurant, trade counter and home delivery aspect of the original business, with bosses predicting first year sales could top £3m.

A new Tuk Tuk – sourced all the way from Pune in India – has arrived in the Black Country and will be used to market the new offer, which will include a large range of seafood, poultry and dried goods.

"We have had a fantastic year with the major retailers, with more than £5m of new orders secured over the last twelve months," explained Steve Money, Managing Director.

"However, we don't like to stand still and there's only so much Star Agro shrimp we can supply. We need an alternative approach on the wholesale and home delivery front, which is why we've branched out with the launch of Star Feast."

He continued: "This will focus on growing the trade counter, supplying into more restaurants and marketing our home delivery to the general public. The latter means people can have fresh seafood and poultry products direct to their door, simply by picking up the phone or placing the order via social media.

"Better still, on certain occasions your delivery will be completed using our authentic Tuk Tuk, which is causing a major stir among fellow motorists in the Black Country."

Wolverhampton-based Star Feast will originally focus on the West Midlands and in developing its full range of products ahead of exhibiting at a number of trade shows later this year.

It is also exploring opportunities to broaden its reach in the South West and London, with plans in place to create a network of supply bases over the coming months. If these deals are completed, more than 8 people will be employed and the range could be as diverse as 75 different products.

This includes cod, king prawns, mussels, pangasius, salmon, squid and tilapia – we've even got fresh water whole fish available. (Pull out quote)

Steve concluded: "The new business is all about understanding what our different customer bases want and a dedicated wholesale offer – with more choice – was at the top of their list.

"We've got lots of exciting plans to secure market share, including the Tuk Tuk marketing campaign and the future launch of a mobile app that will make ordering extremely easy. Minimum orders are just 1kg so it's a great way to have fresh seafood delivered right to your door."

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Business rates changes urged

THE director of Cannock Chase's Chamber of Commerce is urging the government to reform the business rates system.

Chris Plant has joined the British Chambers of Commerce in the campaign.

The Chancellor, Phillip Hammond, is due to give his Spring Budget on March 8. Mr Plant said: "The current rates system is broken, and despite attempts by successive governments to introduce marginal reforms, the fundamental unfairness of business rates remains. We're calling for steps to help alleviate some of the excessive pressure put on businesses by rates.

"The policy of fiscal neutrality means there are winners and losers across the country from reforms, but limits the government's scope to bring about fundamental change to the system."

He added: "Businesses from across the Chamber network of all sizes, sectors and locations, lament the burden of this high up-front cost, which they are forced to pay before making even a penny of profit."

Trust's help to safeguard rare habitat

THE region's largest nature conservation charity has given wildlife a helping hand at a local beauty spot by safeguarding one of the UK's rarest habitats.

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust has been carrying out conservation work at its Gentleshaw Common nature reserve to help protect lowland heathland.

Gentleshaw Common, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), represents one of the largest surviving areas of the much reduced habitat in the county. It is estimated Staffordshire lost around 90 per cent of its heathland between 1775 and 1990.

Lowland heathland is vital for a variety of wildlife including birds, solitary bees and wasps as well as many species of plants including bog asphodel, heather and fly-catching carnivorous sundew.

Over the winter, the trust used a contractor to help the volunteers who work on the site to clear a large area by clearing birch and oak scrub at the site to help restore the amazing views which can be viewed across the common.

Volunteers

Hayley Dorrington, Gentleshaw Common warden, said: "It has been great to see the work that has been taking place on the common. The contractors have opened up the views no end and I am looking forward to seeing the heathland plants growing back in the area.

"We have also had volunteers out right through the winter months, thinning out a small section of woodland near the common.

"The volunteers are looking forward to what 2017 brings on the nature reserve."

Anyone interested in joining the trust's Gentleshaw Common work party, which takes place on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, starting at 10.30am, should contact Hayley Dorrington at the trust on 07973 930230.

Bank manager wins small business award

Small business mentor of the year Carl Beardon, left, with Tim Rivett of the British Bankers Association

A BANK manager from Cannock has been presented with an award for small business mentor of the year.

Carl Beardon was handed the accolade by the International Association of Bookkeepers at a ceremony at the House of Commons.

His role as director of Barclays Bank Business Support in Birmingham sees him focused on helping business customers who are in financial difficulty.

However, the bank's small business mentoring programme allows him to become more involved in the hands-on development of a number of small businesses, with one having achieved a turnover of more than of £200,000 in just 18 months.

"There's nothing more satisfying than seeing a business I've helped, really fly," Mr Beardon said.

"By acting as a sounding board and drawing upon my two decades of corporate banking experience, I help business owners to gain true insight and grow in confidence."

Home break-in

CASH and a laptop were stolen from a Great Wyrley home. The Walsall Road property was broken into between 12.30pm on February 7 and 2am the next day.

Call Staffordshire Police on 101 quoting incident number 32 of February 8.

Flats bid at site of club

FLATS could be built on the site of a former working men's club.

Plans have been submitted for the apartments on the site of the former Wimblebury Social Club in Glover Street. The proposed development comprises two and three-storey blocks totalling 18 apartments with associated parking and amenity areas.

The site has had previous planning approval twice for a similar development of apartments, both of which have now lapsed.

Fire service helps towards DofE award

STAFFORDSHIRE Fire and Rescue Service has been awarded a licence to help young people to achieve their Duke of Edinburgh Award. It means the service can instruct students aged 14-24 towards their bronze award.

Forty young people are halfway through their six-month course, which aims to give them an insight into the fire service, but also the opportunity to learn new skills and develop existing talents in preparation for life and work. The scheme runs in partnership with the service's Cadet+ Programme.

There are currently two groups of cadets, one based in Rugeley, but the service is hoping to expand the programme in the future and will be recruiting again in February for young people to start the course in May.

Mark Downes, partnership and engagement co-ordinator, said: "It is fantastic that we are now able to help these young people gain important skills."

Ellie was put in an induced coma after the diagnosis

Rare blood disease left student, 19, in a coma

A TEENAGER was left fighting for her life after developing a rare blood infection mistaken for food poisoning having eaten what she thought was a contaminated piece of barbecued chicken.

Ellie Mayling, of Burntwood, had severe sickness not long after eating the chicken but within hours, the 19-year-old college student was rushed to hospital and left in a critical condition after doctors diagnosed her with sepsis – an infection in the blood that can be fatal.

Ellie Mayling – drowsy

Ellie was put in an induced coma so her body could recover because her blood was being poisoned. Shortly after waking from the coma, Ellie's index finger started to turn black and the tip fell off, with doctors warning a loss of limbs was common with this type of infection.

She said: "I had eaten some barbecued chicken at a pub and it was later that day that I started to feel sick and drowsy. It came out of nowhere, I was freezing and I had a really bad headache too.

"I threw up a few times throughout the day and night and I assumed it was food poisoning or a sickness bug. I'm so lucky I survived – I never imagined I actually had a life threatening infection."

Ellie's finger went black

Fainted

The doctors were unable to confirm how she had got sepsis. Ellie was rushed to hospital after turning blue and fainting in her bathroom.

She said: "After a few hours, my mum noticed a rash had come up on my arm and I had a stiff neck, which she thought was meningitis. Before she called the doctors it was too late, I had already fainted on the bathroom floor and my lips and nose turned blue.

"I was absolutely terrified and the next few weeks were horrific, I had to go into intensive care before I was placed into an induced coma due to blood poisoning. Doctors came to the conclusion that I had sepsis due to my blood being so badly poisoned."

Ellie's condition became so severe that her entire family were asked to go to the hospital to say final goodbyes. She was placed on heaps of medication before being put into the coma, which enabled doctors to treat her blood in order for the poisoning to be fought off.

Ellie's body recovered but then a few days later she started to notice something strange on her hand. She said: "When I woke up from the coma I started to feel better. It wasn't until a few days later that I started to notice my index finger turning black. After a few months the tip of my finger swelled to the point that it fell off, I was fortunate not to lose too much of my finger or any other limb."

Ellie is still suffering small symptoms from sepsis, and knows that it could return at any point. She said: "I still have short-term memory loss from the sepsis but I've recovered a lot now, I'm hoping to go to university next year and then become a teacher.

"I'm fully aware that the sepsis may come back at any point, but it's something I just have to live with.

"I hope my story can raise awareness for other people suffering with symptoms from sepsis, and they visit the hospital earlier to prevent this horrible disease causing any harm."

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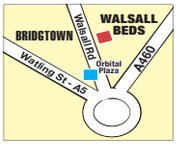

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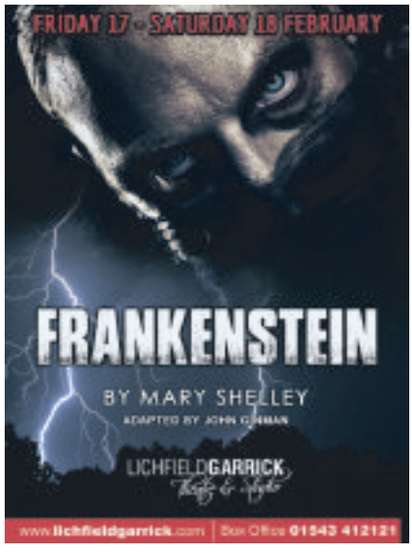

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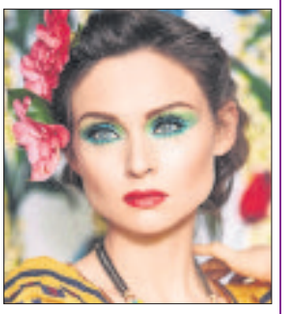

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These include the Globe of Terror – if you thought the Wall of Death was a scary motorcycle stunt, wait until you see four bikers speeding around the inside of a steel cage at over 60mph.

The troupe of more than 30 performers includes acrobats, jugglers and aerial acts. Among the star turns are Czech knife thrower Toni, who also hurls axes; Mongolian contortionist Odka, who can accurately fire an arrow from a bow using her feet; the Timbuktu Tumblers with their human pyramids; and master of slapstick Tweedy the clown.

Cirque Berserk are at Birmingham Rep from Monday to Sunday (February 20-26), including Friday, Saturday and Sunday matinees. Tickets are £15 to £30 (concessions and group discounts available). Call 0121 236 4455 or visit www.birmingham-rep.co.uk

It's family first for rock Kings

THEY were once the hardest-partying band on the road.

Kings of Leon boozed their way through the noughties, carousing around the world as their six studio albums racked up millions of sales, propelled them to number one around the globe and earned them 68 platinum discs.

Kings of Leon comprise brothers Caleb Followill, on vocals, alongside drummer Nathan and bassist Jared with cousin Matthew on lead guitar.

Separate

They formed in 1999 in Nashville fusing southern rock and blues, and developed their sound on their way to becoming a stadium band.

By 2011 Kings of Leon were playing to 50,000 festival fans after their hit, Sex on Fire, had taken them to the top of the bill. Band members weren't talking to each other, they were travelling in separate cars.

Nathan says the band had to take a break: "We got to take a little time away and be with our families and get to be husbands and daddies for a while, and not musicians.

"Now three of us have kids, and we're all married, so the priorities change as your family grows.

"This record was a little different because we did have so much time off.

"We all went into the studio having not been together for a while, musically, and it was cool to see where our heads were musically.

"Caleb does a majority of the lyrics but this record was the first one in a while where we were all very involved lyrically and was kind of a team effort."

All four Followills are married and all but Jared are parents. "Our kids all go to the same school," says Matthew. Nathan adds: "You can tell us apart from the other parents – we're the ones smoking weed underneath the bleachers."

Kings of Leon play the Genting Arena at the NEC on Monday.

One and only Chesney with Chip at Robin 2

TWO talented Black Country musicians will be performing at the Robin 2 in Bilston next week.

On Wednesday Wolverhampton's Pete Kent brings his unique percussive fingerstyle of acoustic guitar playing. Support comes from Tom Rushton and Dom Robson Tull at this all-seated show. Tickets are £9 on the door.

On Thursday, February 23. Strat-wielding local bluesman Ian Parker and his band are at the Mount Pleasant venue. Tickets £12.50 advance or £15 on the door.

Other highlights include The Counterfeit Stones this Saturday and a father-and-son gig on Sunday by Chesney 'The One and Only' Hawkes and father Chip.

Everthing is Awesome as indie pop twins visit

CANADIAN pop twins Tegan and Sara, of The Lego Movie hit Everything Is Awesome, are at Birmingham O2 Institute on Saturday.

The same venue hosts Liverpudlian boyband MiC LOWRY on Sunday, US indie rock outfit Band of Horses on Monday and Norfolk rockers Deaf Havana with Dinosaur Pile Up on Tuesday.

Punk bands Sad Sally, Clobber and Rich Gulag play the Hare and Hounds in Kings Heath on Sunday, and the pub venue hosts Tonstartssbandh on Tuesday.

Shush and The Harringtons share a five-band bill at Brum's Sunflower Lounge on Saturday. Greek outfit Firewind play Wolverhampton's Slade Rooms on Saturday.

Dance, mystery and a serious drama on stage

A WIDE variety of theatre is on offer, from ballet and a pop musical, to circus (see above), a whodunnit and drama.

Michael Jackson tribute musical Thriller is at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre Tuesday to Saturday.

Birmingham Royal Ballet return to the Hippodrome to perform Cinderella until February 25. While the main house at Birmingham Rep hosts Cirque Berserk, a powerful new play, All The Little Lights, is at its studio theatre The Door from February 22 to 25.

The Agatha Christie Theatre Company stage Ruth Rendell's A Judgement In Stone at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Monday to Saturday.

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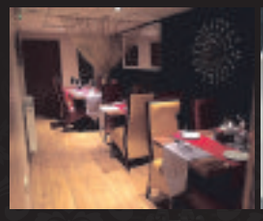

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CHOICE

Gary Barlow

Let It Shine (BBC1, 6.55pm)

The semi-final of the star-making talent hunt arrives, and only four bands remain in the competition. This time, the would-be pop icons are tested on their dance skills, but before the contest gets under way, they first join Take That on stage for an opening performance taking the form of a medley of the veteran boy-band's greatest hits. Once the competition opens, judges Gary Barlow, Dannii Minogue, Martin Kemp and a special mystery guest get down to the business of appraising the boys' performances as usual. At the end of the show, Graham Norton and Mel Giedroyc open the voting lines, giving viewers at home a chance to champion their favourite act.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News. **1.15** Live Athletics: Birmingham Indoor Grand Prix. Coverage from the Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham. **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News. **5.20** Regional Programme. **5.25** Who Dares Wins.

6.10 Pointless Celebrities. A "law and order" special, with Helen Fraser, Victoria Alcock, Roberta Taylor, Chris Ellison, Arthur Bostrom, Mina Anwar, Dominic Littlewood and Matt Allwright. (R)

6.55 Let It Shine. The semi-final arrives, and the four remaining boy-bands display their dance skills, before Graham Norton and Mel Giedroyc give viewers a chance to champion their favourite act.

7.55 Casualty. Iain is unexpectedly reunited with his sister when he is called out to an emergency involving his mother, but his efforts to make amends for his past have unforeseen repercussions. The hospital is inundated with binge drinkers, including a hen party that has ended with the bride getting shot with a bow and arrow. Dylan struggles to cope, but the experience gives him an idea. Grace returns to work, but seems to have lost her ability to talk.

8.45 Let It Shine – The Results. The top two bands from the viewer vote progress to the final as the results arrive, leaving the bottom two to fight for the third spot – but the judges have a twist in store.

9.15 Taboo. James Delaney loses everything, and as the Crown and the East India Company conspire against him, a betrayal places even his freedom in jeopardy.

10.15 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.

10.30 MOTD: FA Cup Highlights. Action from the fifth round of matches, including Huddersfield Town v Manchester City and Middlesbrough v Oxford United.

11.40 This Country. Daisy May and Charlie Cooper's mockumentary continues, as Kerry's neighbour Mandy Harris opens a tattoo business.

12.05 Film: Having You. (2013) **1.40** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.45** BBC News.

BBC2

6.30 Film: Stage Door. (1937) **7.55 Film:** Lucky Jim. (1957) **9.30** Coast. **10.00** Britain's Secret Seas. (R) **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** A Cook Abroad: John Torode's Argentina. (R) **1.00** Talking Pictures: John Hurt. **1.30 Film:** An Ideal Husband. (1999) Oscar Wilde comedy drama, starring Cate Blanchett. **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.45** Mastermind. (R) **4.15** University Challenge. (R) **4.45** Only Connect. (R) **5.15** Nature's Weirdest Events. (R)

6.00 Flog It! David Barby and Catherine Southon view antiques at Buckland Abbey in Devon, including a French revolver and a bisque baby doll. Paul Martin also studies an ancient maths book, and is taken for a ride at the Dingles Fairground Heritage Centre. (R)

7.00 The Lake District: A Wild Year. Cutting-edge camera techniques offering a new and unique perspective on a turbulent year in the life of England's largest national park. Narrated by Bernard Cribbins. (R)

8.00 Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands. New series. Paul Murton returns to explore more of the remote and fascinating places that lie off the mainland, beginning by visiting Berneray, Grimsay, Kirkibost and Pabbay.

8.30 Dad's Army. The platoon defends headquarters in an exercise against members of the Highland Regiment. Classic episode from 1969, starring Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesurier. (R)

9.00 Film: Testament of Youth. (2014) Premiere. When her fiance and brother are sent to the front line during the early days of the First World War, a young woman gives up her studies at Oxford University to follow them. She becomes a nurse, and the horrors she witnesses during the conflict change her outlook on life forever. Period drama based on the memoirs of writer Vera Brittain, starring Alicia Vikander, Kit Harington and Taron Egerton.

11.05 Film: Safe Haven. (2013) A woman trying to make a fresh start in a coastal town realises she must confront the dark past she is running from. Romantic drama, with Julianne Hough.

12.55 Film: The White Ribbon. (2009) **3.10** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.20** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.30** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Sooty. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Oddbods. (R) **7.05** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Teen Titans Go! (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Bear Grylls Survival School. **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Alphabetical. (R) **10.30** Guess This House. (R) **11.25** Judge Rinder. (R) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** River Monsters. (R) **1.05** Tipping Point. (R) **2.05** The Chase. (R) **3.10** Dance Dance Dance. (R) **4.40** Regional Programme ; Weather.**4.55** ITV News; Weather. **5.10 Film:** Despicable Me. (2010) Animated comedy, with the voice of Steve Carell.

7.00 Ninja Warrior UK. The final round of the obstacle-course challenge arrives, as Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara invite the most successful participants from throughout this series to return to the course and put their strength, speed and agility to the test once again. Last in the series.

8.00 The Voice UK. The spinning-chair singing contest reaches a crucial stage, as Emma Willis introduces the seventh and final Blind Audition. As always, another selection of would-be stars are ushered onto the stage to perform, unseen by judges Jennifer Hudson, Gavin Rossdale, Will.i.am and Tom Jones, who must signal their approval by turning their chairs. Next week, the judges' teams are forced to face off in the Battle phase.

9.20 Through the Keyhole. Keith Lemon hosts a revival of the classic game show originally presented by David Frost. Celebrity panellists David Haye, Samia Longchambon and Dave Berry are given a guided tour to three mystery homes, and are challenged to guess the identities of the famous occupants.

10.20 ITV News: Weather.

10.35 Film: Knocked Up. (2007) An ambitious journalist unexpectedly becomes pregnant after a one-night stand with a directionless layabout. Romantic comedy, starring Seth Rogen.

12.50 Jackpot247. **3.00** Who's Doing the Dishes? (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.20 The King of Queens. (R) **6.45** The King of Queens. (R) **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **9.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** The Simpsons. (R) **11.25** The Simpsons. (R) **12.00** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **1.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **3.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **3.35** A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. (R) **4.35** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.35** Grand Designs. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 The Restoration Man. George Clarke returns to Brixham in Devon, where he previously met Neil Worrell and Jackie Robinson, who moved in to an old fisherman's church 18 months ago. Now, the pair are busy running their adopted town's tourist attraction – a replica of Sir Frances Drake's ship the Golden Hind. He also visits Dartmoor, where he is stunned to find ambitious renovator Neil has just bought 200 square metres of mysterious underground corridors.

8.00 Great Canal Journeys. Timothy West and Prunella Scales take a two-stage trip across Scotland, travelling along the Caledonian Canal before venturing on a 60-mile journey into the Highlands. (R)

9.00 Film: Taken 2. (2012) Former CIA agent Bryan Mills and his ex-wife Lenore are taken hostage in Istanbul by an Albanian gangster, whose son Bryan killed while bringing down a kidnapping ring. He is able to escape with the aid of his daughter, and together they fight to rescue Lenore and wipe out the criminal family. Action thriller sequel, starring Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace and Famke Janssen.

10.50 Film: The Bourne Legacy. (2012) A government assassin goes on the run when his employers try to bury their dark secrets by having him killed. Spy thriller sequel, with Jeremy Renner and Rachel Weisz.

1.20 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **2.15** Hollyoaks. **4.15** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Access. **10.40** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.40** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.35** Benefits: 26 Kids and Claiming. (R) **1.35** Benefits: The Millionaire Shoplifter. (R) **2.35** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **3.35** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **4.30** 5 News Weekend. **4.35** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **5.30** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)

6.30 FIA Formula E Live: Buenos Aires. The Buenos Aires ePrix. Coverage of the third round of the campaign from Puerto Madero Street Circuit in Argentina. This is the only circuit to have featured in all three seasons of this motor racing championship, and has proven to be a successful venue for Great Britain's Sam Bird, who recorded the fastest lap here in 2015, and then went on to win the race in 2016.

8.10 Secrets of the Great Train Robbery. Crime documentary, detailing the many mistakes, bad decisions and careless errors made by the gang responsible for the Royal Mail train robbery of August 8, 1963.

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship, including Birmingham City v Queens Park Rangers at St Andrew's, Barnsley v Brighton & Hove Albion at Oakwell, and Wigan Athletic v Preston North End at DW Stadium.

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush. All the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including Sheffield United v Scunthorpe United and Hartlepool United v Plymouth Argyle.

10.30 NCIS. An investigation into the death of a retired US Navy lieutenant commander forces Ducky to reveal he has been helping to solve crimes in his spare time.

11.25 NCIS: Los Angeles. Deeks places his job in danger when he shoots and kills an unarmed man, prompting unexpected emotions for Kensi as she contemplates losing her partner. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Magic Makes You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **4.00** On Benefits: To Heat or to Eat? That's the Question. (R) **4.50** House Doctor. (R) **5.15** Nick's Quest. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Indian Hill Railways **8.00** Ford's Dagenham Dream **9.00** Treasures of Ancient Egypt **10.00** Easter Island: Mysteries of a Lost World **11.30** Top of the Pops: 1983 **12.05** Rock 'n' Roll America **3.05** Sounds of the 70s 2: Soul – Keep on Keeping on **3.35** Close

ITV2

11.20 Ninja Warrior UK **12.20** Take Me Out **1.35** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.10 Film:** Honey (2003) **3.10** FYI Daily **3.15 Film:** Honey (2003) **4.05 Film:** St Trinian's (2007) **5.05** FYI Daily **5.10 Film:** St Trinian's (2007) **6.05 Film:** After Earth (2013) **7.05** FYI Daily **7.10 Film:** After Earth (2013) **8.00** Scorpion **9.00 Film:** Hot Fuzz (2007) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10 Film:** Hot Fuzz (2007) **11.25** Family Guy **12.50** American Dad! **1.50** Release the Hounds: Famous & Freaked **2.35** Planet's Funniest Animals **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3

11.05 Film: Columbo: Butterfly in Shades of Grey (1993) **1.05 Film:** Carry On Matron (1972) **2.05** FYI Daily **2.10 Film:** Carry On Matron (1972) **2.55 Film:** Carry On Follow That Camel (1967) **3.55** FYI Daily **4.00 Film:** Carry On Follow That Camel (1967) **4.55** Wycliffe **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Law & Order: UK **12.00** Wycliffe **1.05** Marchlands **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.00 Counting Cars **12.00** Pawn Stars **1.30** ITV Racing Live. **4.00 Film:** Rio Bravo (1959) **5.05** FYI Daily **5.10 Film:** Rio Bravo (1959) **6.55** River Monsters **9.05 Film:** The Specialist (1994) **10.10** FYI Daily **10.15 Film:** The Specialist (1994) **11.20 Film:** Exit Wounds (2001) **12.20** FYI Daily **12.25 Film:** Exit Wounds (2001) **1.30** Hell on Wheels **2.25** Hogan's Heroes **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine **12.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** Knight and Day (2010) **10.10** Gogglebox 2016 **11.50** Gogglebox: Celebrity Special For Stand Up To Cancer **1.00** Celebs Go Dating **3.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **3.45** Rude(ish) Tube **4.25** Baby Daddy **5.10** Revenge

Film4

11.00 ParaNorman (2012) **1.00** Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (2011) **2.45** Scrooged (1988) **4.50** Moonrise Kingdom (2012) **6.40** Tootsie (1982) **9.00** St Vincent (2014) **11.05** Zombieland (2009) **12.50** Stripes (1981) **3.20** Close

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Sam Riley

SS-GB
(BBC1, 9pm)
New series. Drama set in an alternate history of the Second World War where Germany won the Battle of Britain and has gone on to occupy the UK. In 1941, two Scotland Yard detectives investigate the murder of a nuclear scientist, under constant surveillance from their SS superiors. The arrival of an American journalist leaves one of the policemen convinced something more danger is at work - while a contact in a resistance movement reveals a threat to his own son. Sam Riley, Kate Bosworth, Rainer Bock, Aneurin Barnard, Christina Cole, Maeve Dermody, Lars Eidinger and James Cosmo.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.50** MOTD: FA Cup Highlights. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.15 Film:** Shrek Forever After. (2010) Animated comedy, with the voice of Mike Myers. **1.40** Match of the Day Live: The FA Cup. Fulham v Tottenham Hotspur (Kick-off 2.00pm). **4.05** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.50** Lifeline. **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** BBC News. **5.50** Regional Programme.

6.00 The Big Painting Challenge. Mariella Frostrup and Rev Richard Coles take the contestants on a trip to Hastings, where they must put their landscape painting skills to the test by working in the open air – and the weather turns out to be against them. The first challenge sees them capturing the town's newly refurbished pier on canvas, before they are turned in the opposite direction to paint the view of the shoreline from the pier. A panel made of local residents choose their favourite painting, before the judges announce who will be leaving the show.

7.00 Countryfile. Ellie Harrison helps with the annual clean-up at Cheddar Gorge, abseiling down the cliffs to check for dangerous loose rocks and helping volunteers to clear back the undergrowth. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Call the Midwife. Trixie tries her hand at dentistry, while the nurses discover what has happened to Sister Mary Cynthia, a revelation that has distressing consequences.

9.00 SS-GB. New series. Drama set in an alternate history of the Second World War where Britain is under German occupation. Two Scotland Yard detectives investigate the murder of a scientist.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 MOTD: FA Cup Highlights. Action from the fifth round of matches, featuring Blackburn Rovers v Manchester United, and Fulham v Tottenham Hotspur.

11.10 American High School. A revelation about the captain of the basketball team's personal life threatens his future.

11.55 The Celebrity Apprentice USA.

1.20 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.30 Big Dreams Small Spaces. (R) **7.30** An Island Parish. (R) **8.00** Around the World in 80 Gardens. (R) **9.00** Countryfile. (R) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day. (R) **12.00** Nigellissima. (R) **12.30** A Cook Abroad: Rick Stein's Australia. (R) **1.30** Omar Sharif: Talking Pictures. (R) **2.00 Film:** Funny Lady. (1975) Musical comedy sequel, starring Barbra Streisand. **4.15** Birds of Paradise: The Ultimate Quest. (R) **5.15** Ski Sunday.

6.00 Film: Oz the Great and Powerful. (2013) An amoral circus illusionist is transported to a magical land, where he is mistaken for a powerful wizard prophesied to fall from the sky and save the realm from evil. His attempt to take advantage of the situation leads him into a dangerous quest involving three powerful witches. Fantasy adventure prequel to The Wizard of Oz, starring James Franco, Mila Kunis, Rachel Weisz and Michelle Williams.

8.00 Dragons' Den. Deborah Meaden, Peter Jones, Touker Suleyman, Sarah Willingham and Nick Jenkins assess the profit-making potential of a self-igniting wood-burning stove, a new kind of dating app, a range of authentic ethnic snacks and a fitness company for children. Presented by Evan Davis.

9.00 Special Forces – Ultimate Hell Week. Reggie Yates brings the contestants to South Korea to train under an officer from the country's Underwater Demolition Team. The recruits face a series of gruelling challenges, including dragging truck tyres up hills, carrying boats on their heads and facing the unusual exercise known as the Thinking Man Position.

10.00 Film: Being AP. (2015) Premiere. Documentary about jockey AP McCoy, following him as he weighs up his desire to score a record-breaking number of victories with the pressure to retire from horse racing.

11.40 Film: Defiance. (2008) Three Jewish brothers escape into the forests during the Nazi invasion of Poland and form a resistance movement. Second World War drama, starring Daniel Craig and Jamie Bell.

1.45 Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **2.45** Holby City. (R) **3.45** This Is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.20** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.30** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Sooty. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories. (R) **7.00** Oddbods. (R) **7.05** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **7.30** Scrambled! **7.35** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.20** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.45** Teen Titans Go! (R) **9.05** Adventure Time. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Countrywise: Guide to Britain. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **10.55** Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy. (R) **11.25** Chopping Block. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.45 Film:** Carry On Jack. (1963) Comedy, with Bernard Cribbins. **2.25** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **3.10** Ninja Warrior UK. (R) **4.15** The Voice UK. (R) **5.30** Tipping Point. (R)

6.30 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.40 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Take Me Out Celebrity Special. Paddy McGuinness presents a special edition of the dating show, with TOWIE's James 'Arg' Argent, presenter Melvin Odoom and Olympic gymnast Nile Wilson entering the "love lift" in the hope of impressing 30 single women returning from previous series and persuading them to keep their lights on as a sign of approval.

8.00 Lion Country: Night and Day. With the rains due, it seems lion cubs Prince and Ziggy may finally have a chance of surviving this perilous season. Against all odds they seem to have finally been accepted into the pride and won the approval of the dominant males – but a jealous lioness intends to get rid of them. Rogue males invade the territory of the Hollywood pride, and the lionesses face a struggle to keep their newborn cubs safe. Narrated by David Morrissey. Last in the series.

9.00 The Good Karma Hospital. An abandoned baby is brought to the hospital, and Lydia is reunited with an expat artist, whose unusual lifestyle may be about to catch up with him.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston. (R)

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. Action from the 15th round of fixtures.

12.15 Jackpot247. **3.00** Chopping Block. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The King of Queens. (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.35** The Simpsons. (R) **2.05** The Simpsons. (R) **2.35 Film:** Addams Family Values. (1993) Comedy sequel, starring Anjelica Huston and Raul Julia. **4.30** Channel 4 News. **5.00 Film:** The Karate Kid. (2010) An American boy living in China falls foul of bullies, until a kindly kung fu master teaches him the skills to defend himself. Martial arts drama, with Jaden Smith and Jackie Chan.

7.30 The Jump. The remaining celebrity contestants compete in the skeleton event, which requires them to ride down a twisted track on a heavy metal sled with their faces millimetres from the ice. The losers in each race will then have to face the jump to decide who will be the next to leave the series. Presented by Davina McCall.

9.00 Film: X-Men: Days of Future Past. (2014) Premiere. In a future ravaged by war, the superhero team makes a desperate last stand against a force of deadly robots. Their only hope is to send Wolverine back in time to the 1970s, to join forces with an earlier version of the X-Men and change the events that started the conflict. Superhero adventure sequel, starring Hugh Jackman, Jennifer Lawrence, James McAvoy and Michael Fassbender.

11.40 Film: Lawless. (2012) Three brothers running a Depression-era bootlegging operation come under threat from a corrupt sheriff. Crime drama, starring Shia LaBeouf, Tom Hardy and Jason Clarke.

1.40 The Last Leg. Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker are joined by celebrity guests for a comic review of the significant moments of the past seven days. (R) **2.35** Phil: Secret Agent Down Under. (R) **4.25** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free. Kirstie Allsopp helps transform a Worcester home that seems to be stuck in a 1980s time warp. (R) **4.40** Four in a Bed. The contestants meet one last time to discover how much they have been paid by their fellow hoteliers, before discovering who has won the competition. (R) **5.10** Fifteen to One. Sandi Toksvig hosts the general knowledge quiz. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.10** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.15** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) **6.20** Paw Patrol. (R) **6.30** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.40** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.55** Rupert Bear. (R) **7.05** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.10** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **7.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **7.35** Little Princess. (R) **7.50** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.10** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.35** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.50** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.05** Shimmer and Shine. **9.35** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.50** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.30** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **12.00** Inside Windsor Castle. (R) **12.55** Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh. (R) **1.55 Film:** Seabiscuit. (2003) **4.30** 5 News. **4.35 Film:** National Lampoon's Vacation. (1983)

6.25 Film: National Lampoon's European Vacation. (1985) The disaster-prone Griswolds win a holiday touring Europe on a game show – and proceed to cause mayhem wherever they go. Comedy sequel, with Chevy Chase and Beverly D'Angelo. Edited for language and sexual content. Includes 5 News Update.

8.10 That's So 1985. A look at events in 1985 using news, pop and TV archive clips to provide a reminder of the time, including the Live Aid concerts prompted by the famine in Ethiopia. (R)

9.00 The Freddie Mercury Story: Who Wants to Live Forever? Documentary made to mark the 25th anniversary of the Queen frontman's death, which explores two of the most important years in his life, from the band's iconic performance at the Live Aid concert in 1985 to his diagnosis with Aids in 1987. The programme examines his struggle to keep his private life out of the tabloids and to continue recording music in the face of his failing health. Featuring contributions from family and friends, including chauffeur and bodyguard Terry Giddings, who shares his account of the final years for the first time. (R)

11.05 20 Moments that Rocked the 80s. Cherie Lunghi presents. (R)

12.35 Lip Sync Battle. (R) **1.00** SuperCasino. **3.10** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun. (R) **4.00** World's Most Pampered Pets. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Sound of Song **8.00** Life of a Mountain: A Year on Blencathra **9.00** Tom Waits: Tales from a Cracked Jukebox **10.00** The Cult Next Door **11.00 Film:** Phoenix (2014) **12.35** Nelson's Caribbean Hell-Hole: An Eighteenth Century Navy Graveyard Uncovered **1.35** Order and Disorder with Jim Al-Khalili **2.35** Life of a Mountain: A Year on Blencathra **3.35** Close

ITV2
1.40 2Awesome: Fame High **1.55** 2Awesome: Third Wheel **2.25** 2Awesome: LA Story **2.45** You've Been Framed! Gold **3.10 Film:** The Haunted Mansion (2003) **4.10** FYI Daily **4.15 Film:** The Haunted Mansion (2003) **4.55 Film:** The Smurfs 2 (2013) **5.55** FYI Daily **6.00 Film:** The Smurfs 2 (2013) **7.00 Film:** Jack and Jill (2011) **8.00** FYI Daily **8.05 Film:** Jack and Jill (2011) **9.00** Ibiza Weekender **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.25** The Cleveland Show **1.25** Ibiza Weekender **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
12.40 Film: Hidden Treasure (2001) **2.45** Wycliffe **3.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** The Royal Variety Performance 2016 **10.35** Birds of a Feather **11.10 Film:** Steptoe and Son Ride Again (1973) **12.10** FYI Daily **12.15 Film:** Steptoe and Son Ride Again (1973) **1.15** Inspector Morse **3.05** May the Best House Win **4.50** On the Buses

ITV4
2.20 Film: The Cimarron Kid (1952) **3.25** FYI Daily **3.30 Film:** The Cimarron Kid (1952) **4.10 Film:** Rio Bravo (1959) **5.10** FYI Daily **5.15 Film:** Rio Bravo (1959) **7.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union Highlights **9.05 Film:** Memphis Belle (1990) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10 Film:** Memphis Belle (1990) **11.15 Film:** The Road (2009) **12.15** FYI Daily **12.20 Film:** The Road (2009) **1.25** Lawrence Dallaglio: Sports Life Stories **2.25** Hogan's Heroes **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
1.50 The Big Bang Theory: Catch Up **7.15 Film:** Men in Black II (2002) **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00 Film:** The Adjustment Bureau (2011) **12.05** Celebs Go Dating **3.05** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **3.50** Hollyoaks

Film4
11.00 Destry (1954) **1.00** Endless Love (2014) **3.05** Carry On Teacher (1959) **4.50** Never Been Kissed (1999) **6.55** Tooth Fairy (2010) **9.00** Faster (2010) **10.55** The Fourth Kind (2009)

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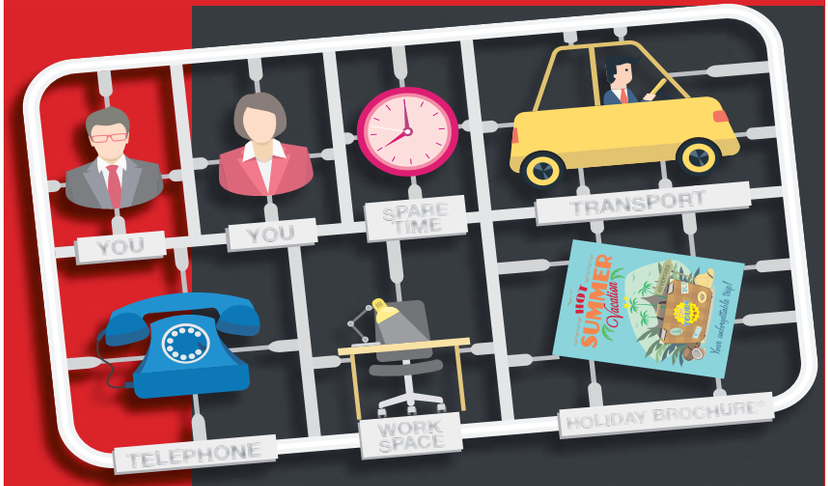

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PICK OF THE WEEK

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Lifetime of Lies, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Returning home for her brother's funeral, Sayre Hoyle attempts to unravel the truth about his death. While she is in the neighbourhood, she must also deal with her strained relationship with her corrupt businessman father and the romantic attentions of his lawyer. Mystery, starring Shenae Grimes-Beech, Sean Faris and John Schneider. (2016)

TUESDAY
Carry On Henry, ITV, 11.40pm
King Henry VIII plots to rid himself of his new French wife when her craving for garlic becomes too much to cope with. However, he cannot afford to anger the king of France, and tries to make it look as if his queen has had an affair. Comedy, starring Sid James, Joan Sims, Kenneth Williams, Terry Scott, Charles Hawtrey and Barbara Windsor. (1971)

Seven Pounds, Wednesday, Channel 5, 11.05pm

WEDNESDAY
Seven Pounds, Channel 5, 11.05pm
A man haunted by a tragedy he caused seeks redemption. Assuming his tax inspector brother's identity to gain access to people's private records, he sets out to atone by helping seven seemingly unconnected strangers with their problems – only to fall in love with one of the people he assists. Drama, starring Will Smith, Rosario Dawson, Woody Harrelson and Barry Pepper. (2008)

THURSDAY
Deadly Paradise, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Premiere. A millionaire treats her friends to an all-expenses-paid holiday in Hawaii. But when her money is stolen, she sets out for revenge. Thriller, starring Boti Bliss. (2016)

FRIDAY
Man on a Ledge, Channel 4, 12.55am
An escaped convict climbs onto the outside of a skyscraper and threatens to jump. The police psychologist sent to talk him down begins to suspect there is an agenda behind this suspicious-seeming suicide bid, while the prisoner's brother takes advantage of the ensuing chaos to carry out a plan of his own. Thriller, with Sam Worthington. (2012)

The stars will be out to shine at the O2

It's that time of year again when musicians have too much to drink; a record industry bigwig or politician makes either a dull speech or attempts to appear 'down with the kids' and the hosts try to keep the (heavily branded) gong show from over-running.

Sadly Michael Buble had to drop out of MCing The Brit Awards 2017 due to family issues, so the ever amiable Dermot O'Leary and Emma Willis will be sharing hosting duties.

"The Brits is an iconic show that I've watched and attended many times," explains Dermot. "It's a holy grail for a broadcaster, and I'm really looking forward to working with Emma, who I'm a big fan of, and celebrating a brilliant year of British music."

Mrs Willis is equally thrilled to be taking part.

"I had an awesome time presenting the nominations show this year and I am delighted to be asked back for the main event," she enthuses.

One woman who will be thrilled to pick up another gong is Ellie Goulding.

In 2010, after winning the BBC's 'Sound Of…' contest, she might have looked like just another startlet enjoying their 15 minutes of fame, but she proved to be one of the most formidable singer-songwriters of her generation.

A string of hit albums, including Lights and Delirium, and singles like Love Me Like You Do, from the 50 Shades of Grey movie, helped make her a global superstar, with 1.3 (US) billion hits for that video alone. It helps that You On My Mind, another track from that album, proved equally infectious.

Little wonder a shampoo company jumped at the chance to sign her up, while girls around the world have been inspired to write their own songs based on Goulding's success.

There's also little surprise she's been nominated as British Female Solo Artist at this year's back-slapping ceremony. She's up against Anohni; Emeli Sandé; Lianne La Havas, and Nao.

After staging a Lazarus-style comeback, Craig David is up for British Male Solo Artist, along with the much missed David Bowie; Kano; Michael Kiwanuka, and Skepta.

And in the Best British Group category, the 1975 takes on Bastille; Biffy Clyro; Little Mix, and Radiohead.

One of the biggest singles of the past year was Rockabye, the Clean Bandit smash featuring Sean Paul and Anne-Marie. It spent nine consecutive weeks at number one, and landed the all-important Christmas top slot. That knocked Little Mix's Shout Out to My Ex off the top slot, and both are in the running for British Single.

With the passing of Leonard Cohen, there's no shock to see him up for International Solo Artist, or Bowie's final LP Blackstar up for British Album of the Year.

Among those performing at London's 02 are Robbie Williams, Ed Sheeran, Little Mix, the 1975 and Ms Sandé.

So, if your tickets got lost in the post, settle back and enjoy, content in the knowledge you won't have a long queue for the loos during the ad breaks.

Dermot O'Leary hosts, The Brit Awards 2017, Wednesday, ITV, 7.30pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Match of the Day Live: The FA Cup
BBC1, 7.30pm
Sutton United v Arsenal (Kick-off 7.55pm). Coverage of the fifth-round fixture, which takes place at the Borough Sports Ground, as the non-league side look to cause a huge upset against the 12-time winners of the competition. Sutton have already defeated three Football League teams to reach this stage, with their scalp of Championship high-flyers Leeds United in round four causing the biggest stir. Arsene Wenger will be wary of taking tonight's opponents lightly, and may go against his usual cup policy of blooding the young players, with the artificial turf at the Borough Sports Ground adding an extra layer of unpredictability to the contest.

TUESDAY
Inside No 9
BBC2, 10pm
The opening episode of season three aired at Christmas, but here's the real gift – another five nail-biting, scary and darkly amusing tales from Steve Pemberton and Reece Shearsmith. What's more, a fourth series has already been commissioned, so there's even more fun and games on their way. Here, Jason Watkins and Philip Glenister make guest appearances as two of a group of friends who, after a game of badminton, head to a restaurant for some tapas and a few drinks. It's a lot of fun – until the question of paying the bill comes up, turning what had been a pleasant evening into a shocking event that will change the lives of those involved. As you might expect it's a taut, perfectly timed 30 minutes – just keep in mind what happens the next time you head out for a meal with pals.

WEDNESDAY
The Royal House of Windsor
Channel 4, 9pm
New series. Documentary telling the story of the great dynasty, which began in 1917 when King George V changed the royal family's name from the unpopular German Saxe-Coburg and Gotha due to the anti-German sentiment in the British Empire that raged during the First World War. To mark the 100th anniversary of the moniker, this series uses the help of family insiders, fresh research and unique access to the royal archives at Windsor Castle to reveal the human frailties and secrets behind Britain's most powerful clan.

Inside No 9, Tuesday, BBC2, 10pm

THURSDAY
Mafia Women with Trevor McDonald
ITV, 9pm
The veteran broadcaster presents the second of two programmes lifting the lid on the riches, the pain and the sense of betrayal that life with a mobster can bring – and this time his journey brings him to a series of secret locations meeting mob wives who are all hiding from the Mafia with their partners. They include Donna Mangiavillano, her daughters Stefanie and Victoria and husband Salvatore, who once masterminded bank heists for the mob – only to betray his bosses to the FBI. Now the family live in fear that one day the Mafia will exact its revenge.

Born Too White
BBC2, 9pm
An examination of the persecution and discrimination of people with albinism in Tanzania and Malawi, East Africa. Doctor Oscar Duke, who himself has albinism, embarks on a journey to discover what life is like for people who share his condition in these countries. He meets young people facing the brunt of discrimination, from a 15-year-old who was mutilated in an attack, to the 280- children placed in a secure camp for people with albinism in Tanzania. Oscar also confronts some of those responsible for making these people's lives a living hell – and comes face to face with an 'albino hunter' imprisoned for murder.

FRIDAY
Schofield's South African Adventure
ITV, 8pm
In this new three-part series, the This Morning host leaves his comfy sofa with Holly Willoughby behind for a personal trip of a lifetime to South Africa with his wife Stephanie. While swimming with dolphins is on many people's bucket lists, Phillip opts for a more nerve-wracking experience by choosing to dive alongside great white sharks. To make sure he's as safe as anyone can be when having such an experience, he travels to Gansbaai, where he is kitted out in undersea equipment, before entering a cage to catch a glimpse of one of the world's most dangerous predators. It's not all scary adventures though - the couple also visit the city of Cape Town.

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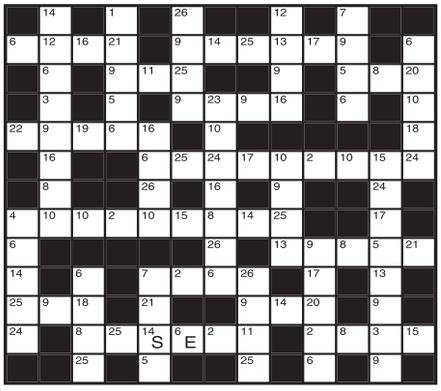

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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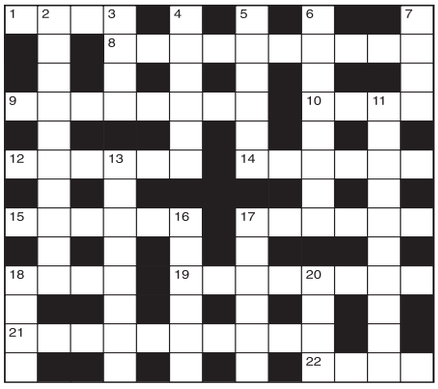

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Thought I'd half of each (4)
8. Expelled from the army band? (7,3)
9. Remove a summary (8)
10. Get near about (4)
12. Nobleman getting into New York, almost (6)
14. Gives up the struggle with crops (6)
15. Coats for nosy people, we hear (6)
17. Animals produce it, humans leave it (6)
18. Be inclined to rely on others for support? (4)
19. Two girls useful in the kitchen (8)
21. Be too tired to keep up? (4,6)
22. One of the wise men tucked into the turkey (4)

Down

2. Large drink taken with fruit on a social engagement (6,4)
3. An entrance I'd turn in at (4)
4. After a quick start it's simple to be unsettled (6)
5. In which to find a forger's (6)
6. He daren't upset one who follows (8)
7. Public school of rising reputation (4)
11. It's diverting, though irrelevant (3,7)
13. Don't leave out! (8)
16. The force of emphasis (6)
17. 50 is 10? Pay attention! (6)
18. Felt confused and didn't stay (4)
20. For centuries they ignored America (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Lofty (4)
8. Improve (10)
9. Substance (8)
10. Mimic (4)
12. Inconstant (6)
14. Tidings (6)
15. Grovelling (6)
17. Preferably (6)
18. Signify (4)
19. Close (8)
21. Convincing (10)
22. Wait upon (4)

Down

2. Changeless (10)
3. Healthy (4)
4. Gadget (6)
5. Assassin (6)
6. Eccentric (8)
7. Refuse (4)
11. Faultlessness (10)
13. Enthusiasm (8)
16. Clannish (6)
17. Keep (6)
18. Be depressed (4)
20. Confront (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Latch; 8 Amorous; 9 Illicit; 10 Event; 12 Face to face; 15 Fratricide; 18 Satan; 19 Archaic; 21 Barbers; 22 Theme. Down: 1 Plaintiffs; 2 Still; 3 Chic; 4 Rattle; 5 Foreword; 6 Polecat; 11 Treble clef; 13 Arranged; 14 Battery; 16 Chaise; 17 Caper; 20 Cut a.
QUICK - Across: 7 Notch; 8 Overrun; 9 Incense; 10 Dread; 12 Abstemious; 15 Tantamount; 18 Cling; 19 Traduce; 21 Enlarge; 22 Local. Down: 1 Antiseptic; 2 Stock; 3 Shun; 4 Potent; 5 Herdsman; 6 Freedom; 11 Deservedly; 13 Braggart; 14 Entitle; 16 Outset; 17 Hutch; 20 Able.

Quiz

1. What is a serval?
2. What is the name of the traditional Muslim women's headscarf?
3. For which film did choirmistress Iris Stevenson provide the inspiration?
4. In which city is Maracana football stadium?
5. Which former deputy prime minister was nicknamed Tarzan?
6. Which substance takes its name from the Italian for 'baked earth'?
7. Of what type of animal in the yapok the only aquatic variety?
8. The USSR's invasion of which country in 1940 was known as the Winter War?
9. Which actor starred in The 39 Steps and Jesus of Nazareth?
10. By what name do we know the tree Pyrus communis?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Erich Maria Remarque; 2 US, French and Australian Opens; 3 Martin Luther; 4 Testosterone; 5 Five; 6 Artificial intelligence; 7 Teeth; 8 Panorama; 9 French; 10 Middlemarch.

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Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

48963 gives a tree,
675 gives a second tree,
713248 gives a third tree.

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But it is annoying is when you splash the cash on food that doesn't quite hit the spot. Unfortunately, this is what happned on a midweek trip to The Parkbrook.

In truth, this was by no means a terrible meal. There was nothing particularly wrong with what we ate, but it just seemed lacking somewhat, and didn't leave us satisfied.

In their defence, the owners told us that a year ago, they'd taken over what was an ailing venue and were trying to turn things around. So the potential is there; let's hope things do improve. The pub, just off the M6 Junction 10 on the main stretch into

Parkbrook, Walsall

Walsall, is welcoming enough. The service is friendly too, with staff being welcoming upon arrival and finding you a spot to sit.

As there were only two or three other couples there, we were a little surprised when we were told there was a delay in the food. When our starters arrived, they seemed strangely at odds with the rest of the meal. Our main courses felt freshly made and unlike what you'd find elsewhere, but to pay almost £4 for three chicken goujons, served in barbecue dip and with a salad garnish, was slightly disappointing.

My friend didn't fare much better, opting for the deep fried garlic mushrooms, with a garlic dip and salad garnish. We both agreed we could have done both our starters ourselves at home. Things got better though. The main courses felt more of a treat, mine in particular, the Barnsley lamb chop – a 10oz brace of two succulent lamb chops, served on a bed of mashed potato combined with spinach, a mint gravy and seasonal cabbage. Firstly, how grand was the mash? Soft and moreish, the stand-out item on the plate.

Flavour

It definitely made the meal for me, although the lamb was deliciously smothered in a mint gravy oozing flavour.

My pal picked the vegetable biryani – a traditional Mughlai main course of rice loaded with chopped vegetables, spices and saffron and served with chips.

He mostly enjoyed it. However, he found it a little dry and would have liked something extra to make it a little less stodgy. The wait between courses meant there was plenty of time for us to digest our mains, making desserts a more attractive option. However, like the starters, they were disappointing.

I plumped for the lemon meringue – a slice of cake, layered with cream and meringue bits on a soft base. It was delicious and suitably sweet, packing enough of a tart lemony punch to round off the three courses nicely. But the accompanying ice cream lacked flavour.

My friend fpund his sticky toffee pudding too thick and rich and couldn't quite finish it. It was too dry and the accompanying ice cream was flavourless.

It was a strange end to an overall odd experience for us at The Parkbrook. For somewhere rated so highly on TripAdvisor, I expected a little better than the slow service and underwhelming food. It was not terrible, it just failed to hit the spot.

Leigh Sanders

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PROPERTY

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO HOME BUYING AND LETTING

Well presented detached bungalow with canal mooring

An exceptionally well-presented and extended detached bungalow, 12 Rookery Close, Rugeley, is situated in the highly sought-after village location of Armitage and has an 80-foot mooring on the Trent and Mersey canal.

It is for sale through Jayman at £375,000.

The accommodation briefly comprises of an entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms with the master having en-suite facilities and a further bathroom. The property also benefits from multiple off-road parking, a garage, workshop, Swedish wooden chalet and a hot tub.

In more detail the entrance hall has a fitted storage cupboard. The lounge has a feature brick-built fireplace with a wooden lintel over and a log burner inset, French patio doors to a conservatory and a door through to an inner hall.

The kitchen has a range of base and wall-mounted units with complementary work surfaces over with a gas hob with stainless steel cooker hood over, double electric oven, tiling to splash-prone areas, integrated fridge, integrated freezer, integrated dishwasher, space and plumbing for a washing machine, laminate flooring and French doors to the conservatory.

The conservatory has Saint Gobain heat-repellent Celsius Elite Self-Cleaning Glass, making it a useable room all year round and having views over the canal.The master bedroom has French patio doors to the garden and and open views to the canal and surrounding countryside, and a wealth of fitted wardrobes and an en-suite shower room.

An inner hall has drop-down wooden ladders and a storage cupboard. Bedroom two has a fitted wardrobes. Bedroom three has a bow window to the front and fitted wardrobes. The bathroom has a white suite including a corner bath with a shower over.

Outside the driveway enables multiple off-road parking and access to the garage with storage space and a workshop area. The rear garden includes a patio area and beautiful views over the canal and a Swedish-style wooden chalet with power and a hot tub included in the sale. The property has solar panels which give an annual return of around £650.

ARMITAGE £375,000

TO VIEW THIS PROPERTY

AGENT: Jayman
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KEY FEATURES

- Detached bungalow
- 3 bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Open views to rear
- 80ft mooring included

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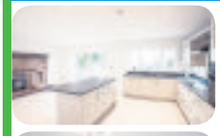
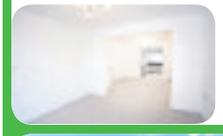


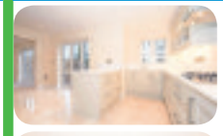


- Delightful Detached Family Home
- Garage & Extensive Gardens
- Stunning Open Plan Kitchen
- Fully Refurbished To High Spec
- Versatile Living Space
- Four Bedrooms
- Delightful Detached Home

£595,000

NO CHAIN

Eccleshall Road, Stafford



- Detached New Build Executive Home
- 4 Bedrooms
- Finished To High Spec
- Stylish En-suite Shower Room
- Open Plan Kitchen / Dining Room
- Immaculately Finished
- Brand New
- EPC - C

Offers Over £320,000

NO CHAIN

The Priory, Baswich Lane, Stafford

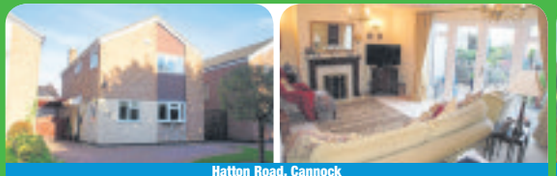
- Detached Family Home
- 4 Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Garage & Parking
- Ensuite & Bathroom
- Garage
- No Upward Chain

Offers Over £300,000

Olde Hall Lane, Great Wyrley

- Detached Home
- 4 Good Size Bedrooms
- Refurbished Kitchen & Utility
- Huge Conservatory
- Detached Double Garage
- Guest WC
- No Chain
- EPC - C

Offers Over £325,000



Hatton Road, Cannock

- Four Good Size Bedrooms
- Open Fields To The Front
- Two Reception Rooms
- Very Popular Location
- Carport & Garage
- Downstairs WC
- Lounge & Dining Room

£260,000

George Street, Hednesford

- Impressive Corner Plot
- Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Double Garage
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory & Guest WC
- Landscaped Gardens
- No Upward Chain

£235,000

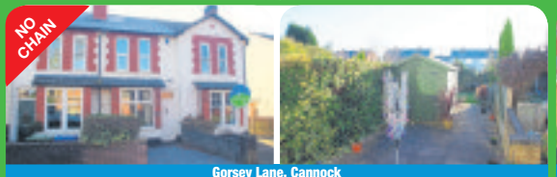
NEW

Partridge Close, Heath Hayes

- Four Bedrooms
- Two Ensuites
- Family Bathroom
- Lounge Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Popular Location
- Popular Development

£184,950

NO CHAIN



Gorsey Lane, Cannock

- Traditional Terrace Home
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen & Downstairs WC
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Upstairs Family Bathroom
- No Upward Chain
- Close To Cannock Town Centre

£169,995

Earlswood Way, Cannock

- Modern Townhouse
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Downstairs WC
- Stylish Kitchen Diner
- Close To Cannock Town
- Two Car Driveway
- Immaculate Condition

£165,000

NEW

Cavans Wood Park, Huntington

- Park Home on Corner Plot
- Two Bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
- Off Road Parking

£110,000

Chase Walk, Huntington

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Spacious Living Room
- Secure Off Road Parking
- Gas Combi Central Heating
- Fully Upvc Double Glazed
- Recently Rewired
- No Upward Chain

£110,000

NEW

Newhall Street, Cannock

- Three Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Two Reception Rooms
- Close to Town
- No Chain Involved
- Gas Central Heating
- Cellar

£110,000

NO CHAIN

Charlemonte Close, Hednesford

- Three Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Fully Upvc Double Glazing
- Part Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage In Block

£120,000

NO CHAIN

Longacres, Cannock

- Ground Floor Flat
- No Upward Chain
- Private Rear Garden
- Gas Central Heating
- Conservatory & Garage

£75,000

COMMERCIAL

Gorsey Lane, Great Wyrley

- Mixed Commercial/Residential
- Three Bed Accommodation
- Established Retail Premises
- Generous Floor Space
- Convenient Location

£235,000

Stafford Street, Heath Hayes

- Mixed Commercial / Residential
- Detached Three Bed Property
- Office / Workshops
- Previous Planning Permission
- Occupying Generous Plot
- EPC - TBC

£275,000

TO LET

Cannock Road, Chadsmoor

- Affordable Retail Opportunity
- Vacant Ground Floor Premises
- Versatile Accommodation
- Competitively Priced EPC - D
- Popular High Street Location
- Viewing Recommended

£6000 PA

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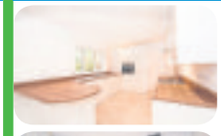
FREE VALUATIONS

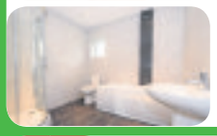
Red Lion Lane, Norton Canes

- Immaculate Four Bed
- Detached Outbuilding
- Ensuite and Family Bathroom
- Stunning Kitchen Diner
- Utility and Downstairs WC
- Secure Parking at Rear

£270,000

Bideford Way, Cannock





- Detached Bungalow
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Large Living / Dining Room
- Master Bedroom & En-suite
- Fully Refurbished
- Stunning Conversation
- Popular Residential Area
- EPC - D

£250,000

Keys Park Road, Wimblebury

- Detached Family Home
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Modern Kitchen & Utility
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory & Guest WC
- Large Block Paved Drive

£235,000

Short Street, Cannock

- Charming Period Style Detached Home
- 4 Bedrooms
- Standing On Corner Plot
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Detached Double Garage
- Delightful Garden
- Viewing Essential
- EPC - TBC

£220,000

NEW

St Andrews Close, Rawnsley

- Five Bed Detached
- Shower Room & Ensuite
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Modern Kitchen
- Utility & Guest WC
- Block Paved Drive

£215,000

Weston Road, Stafford

- Detached House on End Plot
- Very Well Presented
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Detached Garage
- Good Size Front and Rear Gradens
- Must Be Viewed

£190,000

NEW

Butts Way, Norton Canes

- Three Bedroom Semi
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Refitted Bathroom
- Garage
- Gas Central Heating

£135,000

NEW

Broomhill Close, Cannock

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
- Garage En-bloc
- No Upward Chain
- Cul-de-sac Location

£129,950

NEW

Blake Close, Cannock

- Two Bedrooms
- Stylish Modern Kitchen
- Spacious Lounge
- Conservatory
- Ideal First Time Buy
- Enclosed Rear Garden

£120,000

NEW

Barnard Way, Cannock

- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Store Room
- Ideal Buy To Let
- Tenant in, Paying £500

£87,500

NEW

Woodland Court, Hednesford

- Ground Floor Apartment
- One Double Bedroom
- Open Plan Lounge / Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
- Close To Hednesford Town Centre

£85,000

Lupin Drive, Huntington

- Modern Second Floor Flat
- 40% Shared Ownership
- Generous Accommodation
- Immaculately Presented
- Two Double Bedrooms
- D/Glazed & Gas/C/Heating
- Energy Rating C

£41,000

TO LET

Blackfords Court, Cannock

- Ground floor apartment
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Kitchen with some appliances
- Double bedroom
- Off road parking
- Available end of Feb 17

£425pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

TO LET

Lomax Road, Hednesford

- Ground floor apartment
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Modern Style bathroom
- Double glazing & gas central heating
- Available March 2017

£485pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

TO LET

Casa Mis Court, Hednesford

- Modern property
- Spacious lounge
- Kitchen with appliances
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom with shower over
- Parking

£525pcm Sorry no dss and no pets

TO LET

Littlewood Road, Cheslyn Hay

- Semi detached cottage
- Lounge with log fire
- Kitchen with some appliances
- Two double bedrooms
- Downstairs bathroom
- Available soon

£650pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

TO LET

Evergreen Heights, Hednesford

- Modern semi detached house
- Spacious lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Driveway & garage
- Available March 2017

£660pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

TO LET

Pit Pony Way, Hednesford

- Modern semi detached home
- Fitted kitchen with oven & hob
- Spacious lounge
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Available March 2017

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- Garage with driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating
- Viewing Essential

£259,995

HEATH HAYES
PHEASANT WAY
NEW

- A modern three bedroom property
- Gas central heating and double glazed
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- Guest cloakroom
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Family bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden and parking
- EPC rating C

£175,000

HEDNESFORD
PLANTATION ROAD
NEW

- A refurbished one bedroom apartment
- Electric heating
- Refitted kitchen
- Refitted bathroom
- Lounge
- Good size bedroom
- Off road parking
- Ideal first time buy or investment
- Awaiting EPC rating

£74,995

HEATH HAYES
PARTRIDGE CLOSE
NEW

- A modern two bedroom property
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Two bedrooms
- Garden to rear
- Off road parking
- Ideal first time buy
- EPC rating C

£134,995

RUGELEY
EATON DRIVE
NEW

- A spacious modern 3/4 bedroom property
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Study/bedroom, Guest cloakroom, Utility
- Open plan lounge/diner and kitchen
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Two further bedroom
- Family bathroom
- Encsed rear garden, Driveway
- EPC rating C

£160,000

CANNOCK
VIOLET CLOSE
NEW PRICE

- Modern two bedroom apartment
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking
- Ideal first time buy
- EPC rating B

£42,000 40% share

CANNOCK
LONGFORD ROAD
NEW PRICE

- Traditional Three bedroom
- Lounge, dining room
- Breakfast kitchen
- Family Bathroom ● Conservatory
- Enclosed Rear garden
- Garage & Driveway
- Popular location
- NO CHAIN
- EPC rating E

£259,950

CANNOCK
PENNINE DRIVE

- Spacious Three bedroom Detached
- Gas central heating, double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen, utility
- Family bathroom
- Good sized rear garden
- Driveway and garage
- EPC rating D

£239,950

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PROPERTY

Very well-presented four bedroom detached house

BURNTWOOD

£315,000

Very well presented and much improved, this four-bedroomed house in Macadam Close, Burntwood is for sale through Flint & Co at £315,000.

With gas central heating and double glazing it has an entrance porch and hallway, a lounge, dining room, conservatory, utility and guest WC, a kitchen, re-fitted bathroom with a free-standing bath, master bedroom with en-suite, three further bedrooms and a bathroom and rear garden, garage and driveway.

Located in the popular and desirable Hunslet estate, the property benefits from many features and viewing is essential to fully appreciate them.

In more detail the lounge has a lovely feature fireplace with marble effect inset and hearth and feature lighting housing a gas living flame fire and a bay window to the front.

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Three/four bedroom Grade II listed town house

LICHFIELD

£600,000 >>>

This beautiful three/four bedroomed grade II listed town house in Dam Street, Lichfield can be used as both a home and business base.

In a highly sought after location next to the cathedral, it comes with a large orangery, shop front/office, a lovely garden and a superb roof terrace.

It is for sale through Lovett & Co at £600,000 with no chain.

A three storey character property, the property is currently a mix of residential, commercial and retail, it offers, subject to planning change of use, a multitude of opportunities and currently benefits from an A2 licence.

Contact Lovett & Co on 01543 889410 or visit www.lovettco.co.uk

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Cannock

Newhall Street

•Period Detached House
•Highly Sought After Area
•Three Reception Rooms
•Kitchen & Guest WC

Butters John Bee are delighted to bring to the market this stunning period detached house, which is located in a highly sought after location only a short walk from Cannock town centre. The spacious well appointed accommodation consists of an entrance hall, lounge, sitting room, kitchen, dining room, guest WC, three bedrooms and a luxury bathroom. Externally the property benefits from having an enclosed private rear garden, driveway and a larger than average garage.

£300,000 EPC=F

Hednesford

New

Burleigh Close

•Detached House
•Two Receptions
•Conservatory
•Four Bedrooms

£249,995 EPC=D

Rugeley

New Price

Armitage Road

•Detached House
•Stunning Kitchen
•Four Bedrooms
•Driveway & Garage

£245,000 EPC=C

Great Wyrley

New

Olde Hall Lane

•Detached Bungalow
•Lounge & Kitchen
•Conservatory
•Three Bedrooms

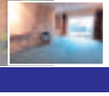
£225,000 EPC=D

Hednesford

New

Littleworth Road

•Detached Bungalow
•L-Shaped Lounge/Diner
•Driveway & Garage
•Three Bedrooms



£190,000 EPC=D

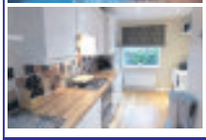
Huntington

New Price

Colliers Way

•Modern Three Storey Home
•Lounge & Conservatory
•Modern Fitted Kitchen
•Three Bedrooms

●●NO UPWARD CHAIN●● Butters John Bee are delighted to be offering for sale this stunning three storey family home. In brief the well proportioned accommodation consists of an entrance hall, lounge, modern fitted kitchen, conservatory, guest WC, master bedroom with dressing area and en-suite, two further bedrooms and a family bathroom. externally the property benefits from off street parking a garage and an enclosed well kept garden.



£189,995 EPC=B

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Norton Canes

New

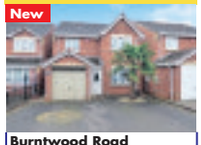
Norton Hall Lane

•Detached Bungalow•Two Reception Rooms
•Fitted Breakfast Kitchen•Three Bedrooms

£250,000 EPC=D

Norton Canes

New



Burntwood Road

•Modern Detached House•Four Bedrooms
•Kitchen/Breakfast Room•Driveway & Garage

£237,950 EPC=TBA

Hednesford

No Chain

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Thornhill Road

•Detached Family Home•Enviable Corner Plot
•Three Bedrooms•Conservatory

£185,000 EPC=D

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Pye Green Road

•Period Detached House•Two Reception Rooms
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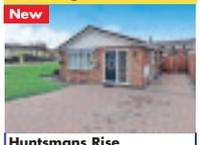

Huntsmans Rise

•Detached Bungalow•Well Presented Throughout
•Two Bedrooms•Lounge, Re-Fitted Kitchen

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Greenwood Park

•Detached House•Four Bedrooms
•Play Room & Guest WC•Driveway & Gardens

£210,000 EPC=D

Heath Hayes

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Langholm Drive

•Linked Detached House•Open Plan Accommodation
•Kitchen/Family Room•Lounge & Utility

£199,995 EPC=F

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Herondale

•Semi Detached House•Popular Location
•Three Bedrooms•Conservatory

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Heath Hayes

New

Pheasant Way

•Modern Town House•Spacious Lounge
•Three Bedrooms•Driveway & Garage

£190,000 EPC=C

Great Wyrley

Walsall Road

•Traditional End Terrace•Two Double Bedrooms
•Two Reception Rooms•Upstairs Bathroom

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Littleworth Road

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•Two Bedrooms•Parking & Garden

£124,995 EPC=TBA

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Mount Street

•Detached Family Home•Spacious lounge
•Three Bedrooms•Conservatory

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John Street

•Ideal First Time Buy•End Terrace House
•Two Reception Rooms•Two Bedrooms

£120,000 EPC=D

Heath Hayes

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Langtree Close

•Linked Detached House•Lounge & Dining Room
•Kitchen/Breakfast Room•Playroom & Guest WC

£175,000 EPC=B

Cannock

St James Road

•Semi Detached House•Through Lounge/Diner
•Kitchen•Two Bedrooms

£127,500 EPC=E

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- Ideal First Time Purchase
- Upstairs Shower Room
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Station Road Hednesford

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- Traditional Semi D
- Two Reception Ro
- Stylish Refitted Kit
- Three Bedrooms &
- Modernised Throu
- EPC = D

Dundalk Lane Cannock

£190,000

- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Gardens, Parking and Garage
- EPC = D

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- Well Presented Throughout
- Entrance Hall & Open Plan Lounge
- One Double Bedroom & Bathroom
- Garage & Allocated Parking
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£150,000

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- Two First Floor Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Bed/Dining Room
- Two Bathrooms
- Forecourt Parking
- EPC = C

Fieldhouse Road Hednesford

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- Two Bedrooms & Family Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- Ideally suited for a First Time Buyer
- EPC = TBC

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£119,950

- Traditional Mid Terrace House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Refitted Kitchen &
- Three Bedrooms & First Floor WC
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
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Stafford Road Cannock

£129,950

- Traditional Semi Detached House
- No Onward Chain
- Lounge & Kitchen Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Garden
- EPC = E

Park Road Bloxwich

£84,950

- Traditional Mid Terrace House
- Close to Bloxwich High Street
- Lounge & Kitchen with Dining Area
- Two Bedrooms
- Ideal First Time Purchase
- EPC = D

Huntington Terrace Road Cannock

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- Fitted Kitchen & Downstairs WC
- Two Bedrooms
- Parking & Enclosed Rear Garden
- Ideal First Time Purchase
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- Stylish Refitted Kitchen
- Storage Heaters & Double Glazing
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- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended Kitchen
- Upstairs Bathroom
- Rear Parking & No Chain
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£102,950

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge Diner & Fitted Kitchen
- Allocated Parking
- Double glazing & Storage Heaters
- Ideal Investment
- EPC =TBC

Pye Green Road Cannock

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- Traditional Semi Detached House
- Two Well Proportioned Bedrooms
- Lounge & Refitted Kitchen
- Guest W.C & Upstairs Bathroom
- Conservatory & No Chain
- EPC = TBA

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Rose Drive Clayhanger

£165,000

- Semi Detached House
- Impressive 23ft Lounge Diner
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- Great Family Purchase
- Must Be Viewed
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Mary Street Hednesford

£170,000

- Extended Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Downstairs Shower
- Ground Floor Study/Playroom
- Driveway & Enclosed Rear Garden
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- First Floor Maisonette
- Spacious 20ft Lounge Diner
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- Ensuite Shower Room
- Must Be Viewed
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Grouse Way Heath Hayes

£170,000

- Modern Mews Style House
- Three Bedrooms & Ensuite
- Breakfast Kitchen & Lounge Diner
- Downstairs Guest WC
- Ample Driveway & Garage
- EPC = C

Burntwood Road Norton Canes

£185,000

- Four Bed Semi Detached
- Lounge Diner
- Kitchen/Utility Room
- Bathroom & Separate Shower
- Wooded Aspect to Rear
- EPC = F

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- Family Bathroom
- Lounge Diner & Well Styled Kitchen
- Must be Viewed
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NORTON CANES

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Three/four bedroom family home / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Good sized corner plot at the end of a sought after cul-de-sac / Detached garage and driveway providing off road parking

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Immaculately presented three bedroom detached family home / Set on a good sized corner plot / Recently undergone refurbishment / Superb open plan lounge-diner

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Ansty Drive
HEATH HAYES

Three bedroom detached house / Well established and sought after residential area / Larger than normal end plot / Good sized lounge

£200,000

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£185,000

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Extended four bedroom detached house / Good sized corner plot in the sought after residential area of Etching Hill / Spacious living and sleeping accommodation

£184,950

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NORTON CANES

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£175,000

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Three bedroom semi detached house / ●●●APPROVED PLANNING PERMISSION FOR SUBSTANTIAL EXTENSION●●● / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Good sized private rear garden

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Chapel Street
HEATH HAYES

Semi detached character property / Large rear garden ideal for entertaining / Modern breakfast kitchen and bathroom / Two double bedrooms with w/c to the master

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Stevens Drive
HEDNESFORD

Two bedroom semi-detached house / Well established residential area / NO CHAIN & VACANT POSSESSION / Driveway and private rear garden / Conservatory to the rear

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Albert Street
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Three bedroom semi detached house / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Modern fitted bathroom / Good sized private rear garden / Driveway providing off road parking

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Four bedroom traditional mid terrace house / Spacious accommodation / Good sized fourth bedroom to attic with en-suite bathroom / On street parking to front & private rear garden

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Unique & Immaculately Presented Two Bedroom First Floor Duplex Apartment / Exclusive Private Development / Finished To A Good Modern Standard / Open Plan Dining Kitchen

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Broad Street
BRIDGTOWN

Traditional two bedroom mid terraced house / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Modern fitted kitchen and bathroom / Good sized private rear garden

Offers in Excess of £110,000

Apple Walk
HEATH HAYES

Mid terraced one bedroom house / Situated near to the local nature reserve / Open plan living area / Private front garden and off road parking

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Two bedroom top floor apartment / Offroad Parking / Spacious living and sleeping accommodation / Modern kitchen & bathroom

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£90,000

Jenkinstown Road
HAZEL SLADE

One bedroom first floor maisonette / ●●●NO ONWARD CHAIN●●● / Picturesque semi rural area of Hazel Slade / Walking distance of a fishery, nature reserve and Cannock Chase /

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£75,000

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£69,950

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Immaculately presented three bedroom end terraced house / 35% SHARED OWNERSHIP / Modern fitted kitchen, bathroom & guest w/c /

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- Impressive detached house
- Prime Cul-de-Sac location
- Three reception rooms
- Superb breakfast kitchen
- Utility room, guest WC
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating C

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Great Wyrley Office - £425,000

NEW PRICE

CHESLYN HAY, WOODMANS LANE

- Imposing detached residence
- Immaculate, contemporary interiors
- 2/3 receptions, dining kitchen
- Utility room, guest WC
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Gardens, driveway, double garage
- EPC rating D

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Great Wyrley Office - £380,000

GREAT WYRLEY, STATION ROAD

- Impressive detached property
- One bedroom annexe
- Good sized overall plot
- 3 receptions, guest WC
- Breakfast kitchen with pantry
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- Unique detached cottage
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- EPC rating D

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Great Wyrley Office - £349,950

GREAT WYRLEY, SPRING DRIVE

- Impressive detached bungalow
- Private Cul-de-Sac location
- 2 reception rooms
- Kitchen, utility room
- Rear garden with garden room
- Off-road parking, double garage
- EPC rating D

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Burntwood Office - £325,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

RUGELEY, OAKLANDS CLOSE

- Unique detached family residence
- Three reception rooms
- Two kitchens
- Conservatory overlooking the rear garden
- Garage, ample off road parking
- delightful views to the rear
- EPC Rating D

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Burntwood Office - £300,000

BURNTWOOD, HOSPITAL ROAD

- Executive family home
- Extensive rear garden
- Ample off road parking
- Open plan living
- Sought after location
- Delightful views to the front
- EPC Rating E

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Great Wyrley Office - £279,995

NEW PRICE

BLOXWICH, BAMFORD ROAD

- Impressive detached residence
- Greatly extended and improved
- Immaculate, contemporary interiors
- Open plan kitchen / diner
- Large conservatory
- No onward chain
- EPC rating C

4 1

Burntwood Office - £270,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

HAMMERWICH, PINGLE LANE

- Superb semi-detached house
- Rural village location
- Countryside views
- Immaculate fitted kitchen
- Ground floor bathroom
- Separate WC
- EPC rating E

3 2

Great Wyrley Office - £265,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

GREAT WYRLEY, LONG LANE

- Impressive Semi-Detached House
- Extended to the rear
- Stunning open plan lounge/ kitchen with wood burner
- Separate Utility Room
- Third Reception/4th Bedroom
- Rear Garden with open aspect
- EPC Rating To Follow

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Great Wyrley Office - £225,000

GREAT WYRLEY, OLDE HALL LANE

- Spacious detached bungalow
- Prime village location\
- Lounge, kitchen
- Conservatory
- Gardens, driveway parking
- No upward chain
- EPC rating D

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Great Wyrley office - £215,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

CHESLYN HAY, HATHERTON STREET

- Detached family residence
- Extended ground floor
- Two reception rooms
- Conservatory,
- Kitchen and utility
- Garden, off road parking
- EPC rating E

3 2

Burntwood Office - £210,000

BURNTWOOD, HOSPITAL ROAD

- Spacious family home
- Generous rear garden
- Delightful views to the front
- Good size bedrooms
- Plenty of potential
- Sought after location
- EPC rating D

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Burntwood Office - £190,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

HUNTINGTON, LUPIN DRIVE

- Modern family semi detached
- Immaculate interiors
- Impressive conservatory
- Breakfast kitchen
- Garage, off road parking
- EPC Rating To Follow

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Great Wyrley Office - Offers Over £180,000

NEW PRICE

CHESLYN HAY, TENNSCORE AVENUE

- Extended Semi-Detached House
- Corner Plot
- Fitted Kitchen plus Breakfast Room
- Utility and Shower Room/W.C.
- Beautifully Maintained Gardens
- Garage
- EPC Rating D

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Great Wyrley Office - £189,950

NEW INSTRUCTION

GREAT WYRLEY, LINGFIELD DRIVE

- Detached Residence
- Plenty of Potential
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner
- Utility Room
- Garage, 2 Driveways
- Gardens
- EPC Rating D

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Great Wyrley Office - £174,950

CHESLYN HAY, SUTHERLAND ROAD

- Well proportioned semi
- Sought after village location
- Through lounge / dining room
- Kitchen, sun room
- Good sized rear garden
- Driveway, detached garage
- EPC rating C

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Burntwood Office - £170,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

BURNTWOOD, LAKESIDE BOULEVARD

- Modern terrace residence
- Good size lounge
- Kitchen/dining room
- First floor bathroom
- Ground floor toilet
- Garage en block
- EPC Rating B

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Great Wyrley Office - £125,000

NEW PRICE

BLOXWICH, GRENFELL ROAD

- Well presented semi
- Ideal 1st time / investment buy
- Dual aspect lounge / diner
- Kitchen. Guest WC
- Two double bedrooms
- Good sized rear garden
- EPC rating E

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Great Wyrley Office - £119,995

NEW INSTRUCTION

BLOXWICH, GLASTONBURY CRESCENT

- Impressive Mid Terraced House
- Fitted Kitchen with Hob & Oven
- Lounge & Separate Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Bathroom with Separate Shower
- No Upward Chain
- EPC Rating C

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West Butts Road, Etching Hill **£410,000**

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West Butts Road, Etching Hill **£450,000**

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Lower Birches Way, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom end terraced property, located in a quiet cul de sac. Accommodation having Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen and Lounge. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated Parking and Garden to rear

£149,995

Priory Avenue, Hawksyard

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented family home,on the sought after Hawksyard Estate. Having Hallway,Guest Cloaks, Study, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen and Conservatory. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite,Three further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Drive to Garage and Gardens

£264,950

St Thomas Way, Hawksyard

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this modern two bedroom semi detached home,ideal for investment or first time buyers.Having Entrance Hallway, Guest w.c, Fitted Kitchen and Lounge. Landing to Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Enclosed Garden to rear with Garage and parking

£144,950

West Butts Road, Etching Hill

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented detached bungalow in a sought after location. The property has two reception rooms and two double bedrooms, kitchen and modern bathroom. There is a detached garage and gardens to the front and rear

£299,950

Pike Lane, Armitage

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached home, located in a quiet village location. Accommodation having Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room and Extended Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens and Parking to Rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN

£179,950

Canterbury Drive, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this modern one bedroom ground floor apartment,being sold with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation having Entrance Porch, Open Plan Lounge to Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom and Bedroom. Allocated parking

£89,950

Lanehead Walk, Etching Hill

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom detached property,located in a cul de sac close to local amenities. Having Hallway, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Refitted Shower Room. Driveway and Detached Garage with Garden to rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN

£169,950

Old Eaton Road, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom detached bungalow, being situated in a sought after location. Having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge / Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Conservatory, Bathroom and Separate w.c. Driveway to Garage and Gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN

£244,950

Lion Street, Rugeley

- "White Lion Inn" JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this detached family home dating from 1800 in town centre location. Having Kitchen, Lounge, Dining Room, Study and Utility Room. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Four further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Good sized garden and parking

£285,000

Hislop Road, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached having the benefit of no upward chain. The property does require modernisation throughout but also offers a good investment and would make an ideal rental purchase

£94,950

Swan Close, Brereton

- JR Properties are pleased to market for sale this one bedroom semi detached bungalow,situated in a quiet cul de sac and being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation having Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Conservatory, Bedroom and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear and off road parking

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St Thomas Way, Rugeley

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£144,995

The Shrubbery, Brereton

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this two bedroom detached bungalow, situated in a quiet cul de sac location and being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN.Having Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom. Driveway to Detached Garage and Gardens

£219,950

Armitage Road, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this two bedroom traditional home,situated close to local amenities. Accommodation having Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Utility Room and Conservatory. Landing to Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to front and good sized gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

£154,950

Lower Birches Way, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this detached family home,on a corner plot with open aspect to front. Having Hallway, Guest W.C, Study, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory and Breakfast Kitchen. Two Bedrooms with En Suite ,Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN

£275,000

Coalpit Mews, Brereton

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented, unique and stylish mews style property. Internally there are three good size bedrooms, spacious living accommodation, two bathrooms and conservatory. Beautiful gardens and off road parking also feature..not to be missed

£205,000 OIEO

Bagnall Way, Hawksyard

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached home, situated on the sought after Hawksyard Estate.Having Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite,Two further bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated parking and Garden

£167,500

Talbot Street, Rugeley

- A traditional 1920's detached property situated in town centre location with good sized garden to rear. Accommodation comprises Entrance Hallway, Two Reception Rooms and Refitted Kitchen. Landing, Three Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Utility Room. Gardens to front and rear.

£239,950

Heather Close, Brereton

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this two bedroom link detached bungalow, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Situated in a quiet cul de sac.Accommodation having Entrance Porch, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, Inner Hallway,Two Bedrooms and Shower Room.Driveway to Carport/Garage and Garden to rear

£169,950

Beechmere Rise, Etching Hill

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this split level detached family home, situated in a quiet cul de sac location.Having Hallway with landing to Three Bedrooms, Bathroom and Separate w.c. Stairs down to Lounge/Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen and Guest w.c. Driveway to Garage and Garden to rear

£209,950

St Thomas Way, Hawksyard

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom detached family home situated on the sought after Hawksyard Estate. Having Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing, Master Bedroom with En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway and Garden. NO CHAIN

£210,000

The Lindens, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this spacious second floor one bedroom apartment in a popular location close to town. The self contained apartment has a security intercom entrance with Hallway, Lounge and Open Plan Kitchen, Bedroom and Bathroom. Allocated parking and Communal Gardens

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- 1 Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
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- EPC Pending
- NO DSS/PETS

£400 pcm

WOOTTONS COURT, CANNOCK

- One Bed GFF
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Elec Heating
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS/ Pets

£425 pcm

APPLE WALK HEATH HAYES

- 2Bed Town House
- Lounge/Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Front Garden
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS/PETS

£525 pcm

GLENMORE AVENUE, BURNTWOOD

- 2Bed Mid Terrace
- Lounge/Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Garden
- Energy rating D
- Sorry No DSS/Pets

£575 pcm

HOBBY WAY, HEATH HAYES

- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS OR PETS

£575 pcm

REMBRANDT CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

- 2 Bed End
- Lounge/Kitchen
- GCH & DG
- Allocated Parking
- Energy rating D
- No DSS/Pets

£595 pcm

STAGBOROUGH WAY, HEDNESFORD

- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Gardens & Drive
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS OR PETS

£625 pcm

BELLBROOK, PENKRIDGE

- Two Bed Mid
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility
- Guest WC & Shower
- Room
- GCH, DG, Gardens
- EPC Pending
- NO DSS OR PETS

£625 pcm

WALNUT DRIVE, CANNOCK

- Three Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Carport & Garage
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS OR PETS

£650 pcm

SHAKESPEARE ROAD, CHASE TERRACE

- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Diner
- Shower Room & WC
- GCH, DG
- Gardens,

£700 pcm

HEDNESFORD STREET, CANNOCK

NEW

- Reception Hall
- Lounge & Sitting Room
- Dining Room & Large Conservatory
- Kitchen & Utility

£795 pcm

LUPIN DRIVE, HUNTINGTON

NEW

- A Modern 1st Floor Apartment
- Entrance Hall
- Open Plan-Lounge /Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Modern Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- No Chain

£40,000 40% Share

CHALFONT COURT, CANNOCK

NEW

- A Very Well Presented Modern First Floor Apartment
- Security Intercom Entry System
- Hallway
- Lounge-Diner
- Modern Kitchen
- Modern Bathroom
- Spacious Bedroom
- Allocaed Parking

£84,950 No Chain

HEDNESFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Well Presented Mid Terrace House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor
- Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Parking At Rear
- Town Centre Location

£105,000 No Chain

BROAD STREET, BRIDGTOWN

Viewing Essential

- A Well Presented Mid Terraced House
- Family Lounge, Dining- Sitting Room
- Extended Modern
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Good Sized Garden
- Viewing Essential

OIEO £110,000

LITTLEWORTH ROAD, HEDNESFORD

NEW

- A Well Presented Mid Terraced House
- Dining Room, Lounge
- Spacious Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Rear Courtyard
- Off Road Parking

£114,950

MELBOURNE ROAD, HEATH HAYES

NEW

- A Spacious Semi Detached House
- Entrance Hallway
- Family Lounge-Diner
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

£129,950

BILBERRY BANK, CANNOCK

NEW

- A Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Corner Plot
- Entrance Hall, Family Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Front, Side & Rear Gardens
- Viewing Recommended

£138,500

ROWAN CLOSE, HUNTINGTON

REDUCED

- A Superbly Presented Semi Det House
- Entrance Hall / Guest WC
- Modern Kitchen
- Delightful Lounge-Diner
- Master Bedroom With Ensuite
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Modern Bathroom
- Driveway & Gardens

OIEO £160,000

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

REDUCED

- A traditional Well Presented Semi Det
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility/ Guest WC
- Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Rear Garden
- Town Centre Location

£135,000

ROSEBAY MEADOW, HEATH HAYES

NEW

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- An Immaculately Presented Semi Det House
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Modern Kitchen-Diner
- Two Bedrooms
- Modern Bathroom
- Parking for Two Cars
- Front & Rear Gardens

£145,000

OLD HEDNESFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

NEW

- Traditional Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Family Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Family Room/Bedroom Five
- Four First Floor Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking, Rear Gardens
- Viewing Recommended

£165,000

LICHFIELD ROAD, CANNOCK

NEW

- A Spacious Well Presented Detached House
- Reception Hall, Guest WC
- Four Reception Rooms, Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room, Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage & Driveway

£185,000

HILLSIDE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- Spacious Semi Detached
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Kitchen & Family Room
- Ground Floor Bedroom/ Ensuite Shower
- Four Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Master with Dressing Room/Study
- Driveway & Rear Garden

£205,000

KNIGHTON ROAD, WIMBLEBURY

NEW

- A Well Presented Link Detached House
- Lounge. Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen, Four Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Open Aspect to Side & Rear
- No Upward Chain

£225,000

MALLARD WAY, PENKRIDGE

- Superbly Presented Detached Family House
- Entrance Hall / Guest WC
- Family Lounge & Study
- Dining Room/ Family Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen & Utility Area
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Ensuite & Bathroom
- Gardens & Driveway

£310,000

POOL HOUSE, GAILEY

- A Superb Detached Family Residence
- Open Views Over Gailey Reservoirs
- Two bed Two-Storey Annex
- Three Ensuite Bedrooms in Main Residence
- Stylish Open Plan Living Area/Kitchen
- Laundry Room & Guest WC
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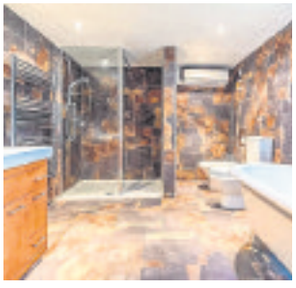

Stunning residence in a superb position

PENKRIDGE
£560,000 <<<

A stunning residence in a superb position in Levedale Road, Penkridge, lies on the village outskirts.

A four-bedroomed detached house, Vine House is for sale through Connells at £560,000.

There is also the opportunity to buy separate land to the side for a paddock.

The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs WC, downstairs bathroom, lounge, sitting room, kitchen, utility room, four bedrooms – two having en-suites, a bathroom, WC, garage, large driveway providing off road parking and gardens.

Penkridge is a thriving South Staffordshire village with nearby shopping facilities, pubs, schools and transport links.

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Detached home in a popular village

CANNOCK
£270,000

A stunning detached family home in Red Lion Lane, Norton Canes, Cannock, is very well presented.

Coming with additional driveway and generous parking ideal for a motorhome/van etc, it is for sale through Marwood Homes at £270,000.

Also having a detached double garage, this home is close to local amenities.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway, a lounge, a beautiful refitted kitchen diner, a utility room, a guest WC, four bedrooms, a bathroom and an en-suite to master.

Outside there is also landscaped gardens.

For further information, or to book that all important viewing, contact Marwood Homes on 01543 500700 or visit www.marwoodhomes.com

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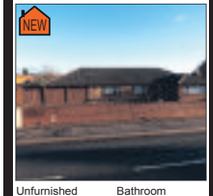
Unfurnished Detached Bungalow Lounge Kitchen 3 Bedrooms
Bathroom GCH & DG Rear Garden Parking EPC Rating D
£690 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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CONWAY ROAD

Unfurnished Semi Detached House Lounge Kitchen 3 Bedrooms
Bathroom GCH & DG Garden Parking EPC Rating E
£625 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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SHARON WAY

Unfurnished Semi Detached House Lounge Kitchen 3 Bedrooms
Bathroom GCH & DG Rear Garden Parking EPC Rating D
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THE MEADOWS

Unfurnished Town House Lounge Kitchen 2 Bedrooms Bathroom
Guest WC GCH & DG Rear Garden Parking EPC Rating C
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Unfurnished Terrace House Lounge Kitchen 3 Bedrooms Bathroom
Gas Central Heating Double Glazing Rear Garden EPC Rating D
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BOND WAY

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Bathroom GCH & DG Rear Garden Garage EPC Rating D
£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
REMBRANDT CLOSE

Unfurnished Town House Lounge Kitchen 2 Bedrooms Bathroom
Heating Rear Garden Parking EPC Rating D
£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
DEAVALL WAY

Unfurnished Semi Detached House Lounge Kitchen 2 Bedrooms
Bathroom GCH & DG Rear Garden Parking EPC Rating D
£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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WALSALL ROAD

Unfurnished First Floor Flat Lounge Kitchen 3 Bedrooms Bathroom
Gas Central Heating Double Glazing Parking EPC Rating D
£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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CANNOCK ROAD

Unfurnished First Floor Flat Lounge Kitchen 2 Bedrooms Bathroom
Gas Central Heating Double Glazing Parking EPC Rating C
£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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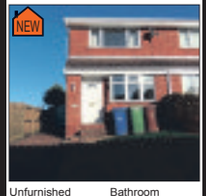
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Bathroom GCH & DG Rear Garden Parking EPC Rating E
£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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CHAPEL STREET

Unfurnished Semi Detached House Dining Room Kitchen
2 Bedrooms Bathroom Gas Central Heating Garden EPC Rating D
£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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RAILWAY VIEW

Unfurnished First Floor Flat Open Plan Lounge Kitchen 1 Bedroom Bathroom
Heating Double Glazing Parking EPC Rating C
£450 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
ST STEPHENS COURT

Unfurnished Ground Floor Flat Lounge Kitchen 2 Bedrooms Bathroom
Heating Double Glazing Parking EPC Rating D
£395 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

BRIDGTOWN
UNION STREET

Unfurnished First Floor Flat Lounge Kitchen 1 Bedroom Bathroom
Heating Double Glazing Parking EPC Rating E
£395 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
APPLE WALK

Unfurnished First Floor Flat Lounge Kitchen 2 Bedrooms Bathroom
Heating Protected Access Parking EPC Rating D
£395 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
HEDNESFORD ROAD

Unfurnished First Floor Flat Lounge Kitchen 3 Bedrooms Shower Room
Gas Central Heating Double Glazing Garden EPC Rating D
£390 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
PICASSO CLOSE

Unfurnished First Floor Flat Lounge Kitchen 1 Bedroom Bathroom
Electric Heating Double Glazing Parking EPC Rating D
£385 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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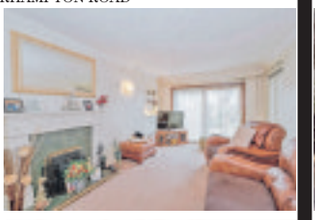

- Detached Family Home
- Entrance Hallway,
- Dining Room,
- Lounge, Guest W.C.
- Conservatory,
- Kitchen, Utility,
- Five Bedrooms, en-suit
- Family Bathroom
- Double Garage, Driveway
- Gardens

Offers Over £329,950

HEDNESFORD
NELSON DRIVE

- Spacious Family Home
- Through Hallway
- Lounge, Sitting Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen/Diner
- Utility, W.C.,
- 4 Bedrooms
- Gardens, Driveway

£250,000

NEW

CANNOCK
WATERBROOK WAY

- Modern Semi Detached
- Lounge/Diner
- P-Shaped Conservatory
- En-Suite
- 3 Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Integral Garage
- Driveway

£160,000

NEW

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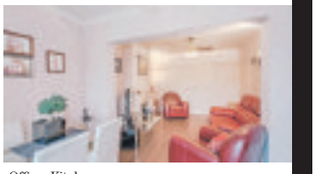
DARTMOUTH ROAD

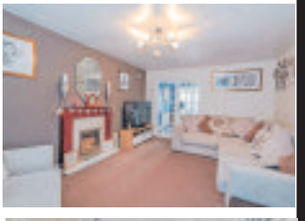
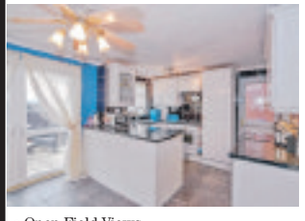
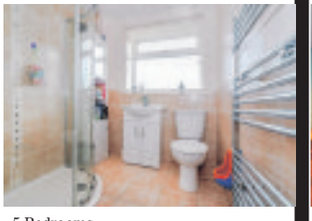


- Traditional Family Home
- Sought After Location
- Porch, Through Hall
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Office, Kitchen
- Utility Room, WC
- 3 Bedrooms
- Driveway

£240,000

NEW

HEDNESFORD
CHANCERY DRIVE

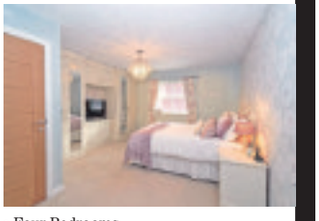




- Open Field Views
- Generous Extended
- Hallway
- Lounge. WC
- Kitchen/diner
- 5 Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Generous Driveway

£244,950

NEW

HUNTINGTON
LUPIN DRIVE



- End Town House
- Entrance Hallway,
- Breakfast Kitchen,
- Spacious lounge
- Conservatory.
- Four Bedrooms
- Family Bathoom, En-Suite
- Corner Plot,
- Gardens, Garage

£225,000

CHESLYN HAY
NEW HORSE ROAD

- Dorma Bungalow
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Rear Garden

£189,950

GREAT WYRLEY
NORTON LANE

- Detached Family
- Porch, Hallway
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Dining Room
- 3 Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Gardens, Parking
- Det.Double Garage

£295,000

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HEATH HAYES
CHARTERFIELD DRIVE

- Corner plot
- 3 Bed Detached
- Lounge
- Extended Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Garage Conversion
- Garden
- NO CHAIN

£209,950

NEW

HEDNESFORD
BELT ROAD

- Semi Detached
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen, WC
- 2 Double Beds
- Rear Garden
- NO CHAIN

£100,000

GREAT WYRLEY
LOOM CLOSE

- 3 Storey End Town
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- 2 Reception Rooms
- 3 Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Garage & Driveway
- Rear Garden

Offers Over £175,000

HEDNESFORD
SANDPIPER CLOSE

- Ideal Starter Home
- Modern Town House
- Porch, Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway
- Rear Garden

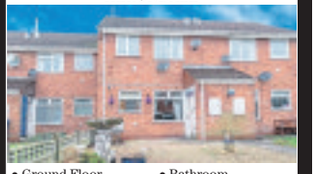
£110,000

HEDNESFORD
HILL STREET

- Detached Family Home
- 1 Bed Annex
- Det. Commercial
- Unit/Garage
- Through Hall
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Conservatory

£315,000

HEDNESFORD
HERONDALE



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- Lounge/Diner
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- 2 Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Driveway
- Gardens
- No Chain

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HEDNESFORD
THORNHILL

- Detached Home
- Through Hall
- Lounge/Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens, Garage
- NO CHAIN

£180,000

CANNOCK
JOHN STREET

- 3 Bed Detached
- Porch, Hall
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens, Garage
- NO CHAIN

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HEDNESFORD
ST.FRANCIS CLOSE

- 4 Bed Detached
- Hall, Guests WC
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Utility
- Conservatory
- Bathroom
- En-Suite

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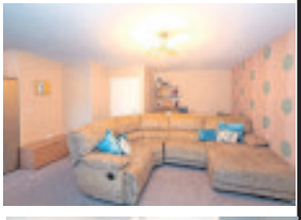
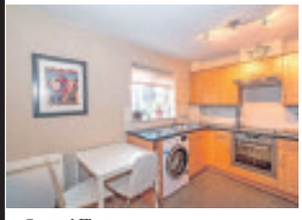
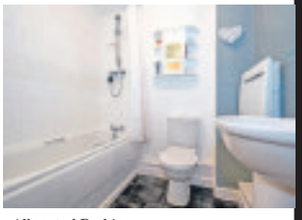
HEDNESFORD
MOUNT STREET

- Ground Floor
- Open plan
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Bedroom
- Garden
- NO CHAIN

£70,000

HEATH HAYES
HOBBY WAY

- Ground Floor
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
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- 2 Bedrooms
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- Allocated Parking
- Viewing Recommended

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3	DETACHED HOUSE	2	FREEHOLD	£164,950	AVAILABLE
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3 OLD PENKRIDGE MEWS, CANNOCK

NEW PRICE

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- Reception hall
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- Bedroom
- Shower Room
- Fully double glazed
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- Gas fired central heating
- Security phone system
- EPC rating C (71)

£88,000

139 GREENHEATH ROAD, HEDNESFORD

NO CHAIN

THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE located In Popular Position Convenient For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Reception hall
- Lounge/dining area
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Detached garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Part double glazed
- EPC rating 70 (C)

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- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Study and garden room
- Bathroom and separate WC
- Garage and range of outbuildings
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (65)

£265,000 FREEHOLD

24 ORCHARD AVENUE, CANNOCK

NEW PRICE

TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW OCCUPYING WELL STOCKED LARGER GARDENS Located In Cul-De-Sac In Much Sought After Residential Area of the Town Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre and Access to Cannock Chase

- Side entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating tbc

£159,950 FREEHOLD

4 MIDDLE HILL BARNS, WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, SHARESHILL

WELL APPOINTED DETACHED BARN CONVERSION OFFERING EXCELLENT FLEXIBLE 4 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION Located In Rural Poisition In Greenbelt Farmland Within Easy Reach of Facilites at Cannock Centre

- Lounge and dining room
- Fitted breakfast kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Luxury bathroom and ensuite
- Utility room and cloakroom
- Intruder alarm and CCTV
- Off road parking
- LPG gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (62)

£439,950 FREEHOLD

9 STATION ROAD, PELSALL

A PRESTIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF AN INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED FOUR BEDROOMED HOUSE Conveniently Located For Facilities at Pelsall Village Centre

- Two reception rooms
- Luxury fitted kitchen
- Cloakroom and first floor study
- Four bedrooms
- Family bathroom and 2 ensuites
- Garage and landscaped gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating tbc

£310,000

FLAT 4 TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- Two bedrooms
- Allocated parking space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (80)

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16 LISSIMORE DRIVE, TIPTON

TWO BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT Located In This Popular Residential Area Convenient For Facilities

- Entrance lobby and reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Communal grounds
- Allocated parking in secure parking area
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating C (74)

£80,000

11A QUEEN STREET, HIGHTOWN, HEDNESFORD

WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSELocated In Very Convenient Popular Position Close To Facilities and Railway Station at Hednesford Town Centre

- Reception hall and cloakroom with WC
- Double glazed conservatory
- Refitted breakfast kitchen and utility room
- Four bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room and refitted bathroom
- Lounge and dining room
- Integral garage and well stocked gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating D (68)

£245,000 FREEHOLD

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- Snug, orangery/ dining room & study/ bedroom five
- Utility room
- Four double bedrooms
- Three ensuite shower rooms & luxury family bathroom
- Fully double glazed & Gas fired central heating
- Solar heating for domestic hot water
- Sorry No pets, smokers DSS or sharers
- EPC rating C (78)

£1750pcm

6 LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, LOVE LANE, RUGELEY

NEWLY REFURBISHED ONE BEDROOM PARK HOME SITUATED IN WELL MAINTAINED PARK HOME DEVELOPMENT Convenient For Facilities Locally

- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Shower room
- Bedroom
- Off road parking
- Gardens & decked terrace
- LPG central heating
- Fully double glazed
- For persons aged 50 and over
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers

£435.00 pcm

8 THE CROSSINGS, MILL STREET, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED MID MEWS HOUSE Built To A High Specification Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre And Cannock Train Station

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge/dining area
- Fitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: B (84)

£600pcm

33 POPLAR LANE, CANNOCK

UNDER APPLICATION

THREE BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In Sought After Residential Area

- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Three bedrooms
- Fully tiled shower room
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no smokers or DSS allowed
- Pets considered
- EPC rating: C (69)

£700 pcm

56 DARTMOUTH ROAD, CANNOCK

UNDER APPLICATION

TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE Conveniently Located For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Entrance hall
- Sitting room and living room
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating & all windows are double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating D (61)

£525 pcm

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FLAT 3 HATHERTON HOUSE, CROWNBRIDGE, PENKRIDGE

TWO BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT Located Conveniently For Penkridge Village

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Intruder alarm
- Allocated parking
- EPC rating: B (81)

£525 pcm

282 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL MAINTAINED THREE/FOUR BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Enclosed porch & reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining room/bedroom 4
- Refitted kitchen
- Inner lobby & guest cloakroom with WC
- Three bedrooms & refitted bathroom
- Fully double glazed & gas central heating
- Garden & off road parking
- Sorry No DSS, smokers or pets allowed
- EPC rating D (65)

£650pcm

15 PARTRIDGE CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Entrance hall
- Lounge/dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Guest cloaksroom with WC
- Landing
- Two double bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room & ensuite bathroom
- Garden & gardens
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers

£600.00pcm

17 PILLATON DRIVE, HUNTINGTON

DETACHED THREE BEDROOM HOUSE Located In Popular Cul-de-sac

- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: D (64)

£675 pcm

2 MILL PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION Situated On The Picturesque Rural Estate of Teddesley Park

- Lounge
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Inner hall
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Communal grounds and parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed
- EPC rating C (77)

£685pcm

8 HATHERTON STREET, CHESLYN HAY

UNDER APPLICATION

A SUPERB THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE HAVING UNDERGONE COMPLETE REFURBISHMENT Located In Popular Residential Area With Easy Access to Cheslyn Hay High School

- Two reception rooms
- Refitted kitchen
- Refitted shower room
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Gardens
- Completely redecorated and new flooring throughout
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating E (49)

£675pcm

5 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOM SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT LOCATED IN POPULAR DEVELOPMENT Convenient For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- Security phone intercom & allocated parking
- No DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating C (79)

£495pcm

APARTMENT 15 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT Located In Popluar Residential Area Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Reception hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Security phone system
- Allocated parking space
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating:B (81)

£495 pcm

44 ROWLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

UNDER APPLICATION

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Adjoining Cannock Chase To The Rear

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Separate WC
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- DSS considered
- Sorry no pets or smokers
- EPC rating: G (15)

£120pw

1 FOUNTAIN COURT, TEDDESLEY PARK, PENKRIDGE

UNDER APPLICATION

SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION Situated on the Picturesque Rural Estate of Teddesley Park

- Fitted dining kitchen
- Lounge
- Inner Hall
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Communal landscaped gardens
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry No pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (69)

£615pcm

8 WATERSMEAD CLOSE, WIMBLEBURY

WELL MAINTAINED TWO BEDROOMED MID MEWS HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Newly installed kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens
- Parking space
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating C (75)

£600 pcm

44 BROOK LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathrooom
- Separate WC
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry n pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (71)

£525pcm

112 BEVAN LEE ROAD, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

- Reception hall & cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Side porch
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Vehicular access to rear
- Gas fired central heating & fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (61)

£550.00 pcm

45 LONG LANE, NEWTOWN

REFURBISHED SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOWLocated In Sought After Area With Farmland To Rear

- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Separate WC
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Large gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (66)

£800 pcm

34 CHESTNUT DRIVE, GREAT WYRLEY

EXTENSIVELY REFURBISHED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Cloaksroom with wc
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: E (46)

£695 pcm

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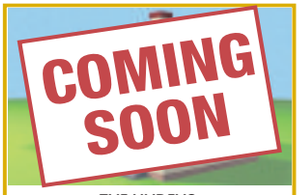
£415,000



COMING SOON

THE LINDENS
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A four bedroomed three storey semi detached, full details to follow. To book and early viewing please contact our Sales Team.

£224,995

NEW

COALPIT LANE, BRERETON

Built in 1885 this period cottage offers large family accommodation with UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Lounge, Dining Room, Snug/Study, Galley Kitchen, Utility Room. First Floor Landing with Four Bedrooms, one with En-suite plus a Bathroom. Extensive Parking leading to Triple Garage. Set in approximately 1/3 of an acre (not measured)

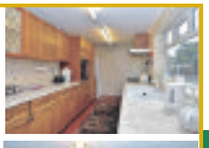
£360,000

NEW

CANTERBURY DRIVE, RUGELEY

Viewing is essential to appreciate the size of this executive detached, Reception Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Study, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room and Dining Area leading to Orangery. First Floor Landing with Four Bedrooms, Two en-suite Shower Rooms and Family Bathroom. DETACHED DOUBLE GARAGE with double-width driveway. Enclosed garden to rear. EPC Rating Tbc

£315,000



NEW NO CHAIN

ALBANY DRIVE, RUGELEY

Positioned in the Chancel catchment area. Offering potential to improve is this 2 bedroomed link-detached benefiting from the Trent & Mersey Canal to the rear. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen. Landing, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating - TBC

£157,000

COMING SOON

WESTBUTTS ROAD
ETCHINGHILL

Executive four bedroomed detached, full details to follow. For more information or to book an early viewing please contact our Sales Team.

£399,995

NEW

OLDFIELDS CRESCENT, GREAT HAYWOOD

A well presented three bedroomed semi detached family home in a popular village location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room and Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway and Carport. Brick Built Office/Workshop with Shower Room and Storage. Garden to Rear. EPC Rating - C

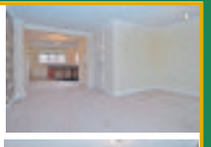
£190,000

NEW NO CHAIN SOLD SUBJECT TO CONTRACT

TALBOT STREET
RUGELEY

A two bedroomed traditional mid terraced property within walking distance to the Town Centre and Local Amenities is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. UPVC Double Glazing. Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Cellar, Inner Hallway and Downstairs Shower Room. First Floor Landing and Two Bedrooms. Court Yard to Rear. EPC Rating - G

£105,000



NEW NO CHAIN

EATON DRIVE, RUGELEY

A modern three storey townhouse offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hallway,Guest W.C. Study Room and Utility Room. First Floor Landing, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Second Floor Landing, Master Bedroom with En Suite,Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway, Garage and Garden to rear. EPC RATING - C

£160,000

NEW SOLD SUBJECT TO CONTRACT

CHADSFIELD ROAD
RUGELEY

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this three bedroomed, first-floor maisonette within walking distance to town centre. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room and Kitchen. Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. One parking space. EPC RATING - D

£92,500

NEW SOLD SUBJECT TO CONTRACT

ARMITAGE ROAD
BRERETON

This delightful refurbished mid-terraced cottage. Benefiting from being refurbished by the current owners as part of a redevelopment scheme. Entrance Hall/Utility, Galley Kitchen, Lounge, First Floor Landing, Bedroom and Bathroom. Small courtyard garden to rear. Communal parking with delightful brick store with access to the Canalside. EPC Rating - Tbc

£119,995

SOLD SUBJECT TO CONTRACT

PARK VIEW TERRACE
RUGELEY

A three bedroomed mid terraced property in need of modernisation, ideal for investment and is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Part UPVC Double Glazing and Part Central Heating. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Inner Hallway and Downstairs W.C. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to Front and Rear.EPC RATING - TBC

£110,000

NEW SOLD SUBJECT TO CONTRACT

LEVETT GRANGE
RUGELEY

A well presented modern two bedroomed mid terraced property in a sought after location ideal for investment or first time buyer. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Guest W.C., Kitchen and Lounge. First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated Parking to Front and Garden to Rear. EPC Rating - C

£139,995

SOLD SUBJECT TO CONTRACT

LOWER BIRCHES WAY
RUGELEY

A well presented modern two bedroomed mid terraced property, ideal for a first time buyer or for investment and is being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazed. Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Guest W.C. and Lounge. First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Two Allocated Parking Spaces and Garden. EPC Rating - C

£130,000

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ARDEN CLOSE , RUGELEY

A three bedroomed semi detached house in a popular location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Guest W.C., Kitchen, Lounge and Dining Room. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garage with Driveway offering ample parking and Garden to Rear. EPC Rating - D

£145,000

NEW

BURNTHILL LANE RUGELEY

A two bedroomed first floor flat in a popular location within walking distance to Town Centre. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Landing, Kitchen, Lounge, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway with Parking to Front and Garden to rear. EPC Rating - D

£90,000

REDUCED

BRERETON HOUSE BRERETON

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NEW

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NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating D. DEPOSIT £913

£675 pcm

NEW

LODGE ROAD BRERETON

An extended semi-detached property with gas central heating. Accommodation comprises Hall, Lounge/ Dining room, Kitchen with some appliances, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Tandem Garage with workshop to rear. Gardens to front and rear. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating E. DEPOSIT £865

£625 pcm

NO CHAIN

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A two bedroomed semi detached bungalow offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and a Shower Room. Storage/ Utility/Workshop and Driveway offering Off Road Parking. Garden to Rear. EPC Rating - C

£139,950

NO CHAIN

PARK VIEW TERRACE RUGELEY

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EPC RATING- D

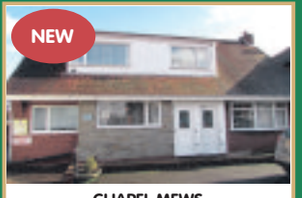
£117,500

NO CHAIN

HEDNESFORD ROAD RUGELEY

Modern ground floor apartment in a popular location ideal for first time buyer or investor and is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. En-suite to Master Bedroom. Security Entrance System. Allocated Parking.
EPC RATING - C

£105,000



NEW

CHAPEL MEWS BLACKFORDS, CANNOCK

Well presented first floor flat comprising of Entrance Hall, open plan Lounge/Kitchen, One spacious double Bedroom and Shower Room. Electric Heating and Double Glazing. A number of energy saving improvements have been made to the property. Off Road Parking. Communal area at rear. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. NO DSS. DEPOSIT£623

£450 pcm

NEW

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A well presented traditional Grade II listed one bedroomed cottage located within the Town Centre close to local amenities. Benefiting from gas central heating the accommodation comprises of an open plan Kitchen/ Lounge and Dining Room. Stair case to Bedroom and Bathroom. There is a small Courtyard fore garden.
EPC RATING - E

£105,000

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NEW

NO CHAIN

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£115,000

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£795 pcm

BRERETON MEWS BRERETON

Two bedroom first floor flat comprising of Hall, spacious Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances, Bathroom with shower and Two Double Bedrooms. Allocated Parking. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating C
DEPOSIT £760

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Land For Sale, Great Wyrley
£85,000

Connells Estate Agents have for sale land with planning permission which has been granted for a three bedroom detached dwelling with parking and rear garden subject to conditions. The current occupiers of the land have created a 'graveled driveway' providing a shared access to the plot of land which would be shared with the adjacent property 49 Bentons Lane. All site inspections are to be arranged via Connells Estate Agents.

Station Road, Hednesford
£85,000

Connells Estate Agents have for sale this CHAIN FREE TWO BEDROOMS GROUND FLOOR apartment, situated near to Hednesford Station, ideal for commuters. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall with stairs decending to a cellar, lounge, fitted kitchen/dining area, bathroom, two bedrooms. Both 5 & 5a Station Road are currently under one title but before completion the titles will be seperate and made leasehold. Energy rating: D.

Dartmouth Mews, Dartmouth Road
£129,950

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this two bedroom, TWO STOREY, maisonette property located in Cannock Town Centre.

The lower floor of the maisonette briefly comprises of hall with study area, two bedrooms and a bathroom whilst the upstairs has a further open plan lounge/ kitchen.

Church Street, Cannock
£135,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached house located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of family lounge, modern fitted kitchen with dining area, modern fitted bathroom with wash hand basin, bath and WC and on the first floor three double bedrooms. Externally to the front there is a paved entrance courtyard, double gated shared access to the rear which is block paved. To the rear there is a driveway providing parking for multiple vehicles and enclosed private garden with a paved entertaining patio area and separate lawn area. Energy rating: E.

Wimblebury Road, Heath Hayes
£149,950

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Stag Crescent, Norton Canes
£165,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached house located in Norton Canes, near to Norton Canes Primary & High School, shops and transport links. The property briefly comprises of entrance porch, family lounge and dining area, modern fitted kitchen, three bedrooms all of a good size, bathroom with shower, bath, wash hand basin and WC. Externally to the front the property provides parking for multiple vehicles, access into garage through double doors, secure gated side access to the rear and also to the side PVC double glazed door in to the garage. To the rear there is a paved entertaining patio area, separate lawn area with various shrubs and trees amongst. Energy rating: E.

Sutherland Road, Cheslyn Hay
£175,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached property located in Cheslyn Hay. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, porch, lounge / diner, kitchen, sun lounge, three bedrooms, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: C.

The Ridings, Cannock
£175,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom end-terrace property located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of entrance, hallway, kitchen, lounge, downstairs WC, three bedrooms - master having en-suite, bathroom, front garden, rear garden and driveway providing off road parking. Energy rating: awaited.

Cannock Road, Cannock
£179,950

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom detached property in Cannock. The property comprises of entrance porch, lounge, kitchen, downstairs WC, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway providing off road parking, and garage. Energy rating: E.

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Bridges Crescent, Norton Canes
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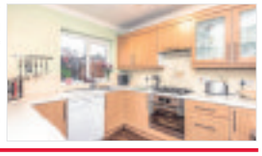
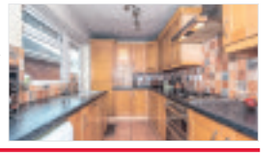


CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached house located in Norton Canes. The property briefly comprises of entrance porch, hallway, lounge, dining area, modern fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, front garden, rear garden, block paved driveway providing off road parking and garage. The property also benefits from having solar panels. Energy rating: B.

Littleworth Road, Hednesford
£185,000

BRAND NEW three bedroom semi detached property finished to an extremely high standard ●●●10 YEAR WARRANTY●●● CONNELLS are delighted to bring to market this BRAND NEW three bedroom semi detached property located in Hednesford, on Littleworth Road. MUST BE SEEN TO APPRECIATE this home briefly comprises of a hallway, lounge, downstairs WC, kitchen / diner, three bedrooms with the master having an en-suite wet room as well as a family bathroom. Finishes include intergrated washing machine, intergrated fridge/freezer and kardean flooring downstairs (where specified). This plot has off road parking for two cars.

Pebble Mill Drive, Cannock
£230,000



CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this two bedroom detached bungalow located within easy reach of Cannock town centre, local amenities and transport links. The property briefly comprises of entrance porch, lounge, dining room, modern fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, two double bedrooms, modern fitted bathroom, garage and driveway providing off road parking for several vehicles. Energy rating: D.

Bentons Lane, Great Wyrley
£235,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom detached house located in Great Wyrley. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, 2nd reception room, modern fitted kitchen, utility room, conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom and loft room with sky light windows and lighting. Externally there is a long winding graveled driveway providing parking for several vehicles, adjacent land to the side that can be purchased separately via Connells also. Energy rating: awaited.

Marigold Close, Heath Hayes
£269,950

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this 4 bedroom semi-detached property located in Heath Hayes. The property comprises of entrance hall, downstairs WC, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, four bedrooms - master having en-suite, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: awaited.

Poplar Lane, Cannock
£290,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom detached bungalow located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, rear entrance hall, three bedrooms, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: E..

Turf Close, Norton Canes
£335,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this four bedroom detached property located in Norton Canes. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs WC, lounge, dining room, kitchen / diner, utility room, conservatory, four bedrooms - master having en-suite, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: D.

Stafford Road, Great Wyrley
£365,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are delighted to market for sale this impressive three bedroom detached beaming with character and beautiful views to the rear situated in the sought after village of Great Wyrley near to schools, transport links, pubs and local amenities. This property briefly comprises of entrance porch, hall, downstairs WC with wash hand basin, family lounge, dining room with double doors into modern fitted kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms all of a good size with the master bedroom benefiting from having a recently fitted en-suite and windows that open completely out on to a superb elevated decking area, bathroom with an impressive power shower, WC and wash hand basin. To the front there are private electric gates with intercom system, block paved driveway, front and rear gardens with various shrubs, trees and water features, summer house at the bottom of the garden, side access to the rear through secure gate and separate access into garage/workshop through door to rear. Energy rating: D.

Levedale Road, Penkridge
£560,000

VINE HOUSE stands in a superb position on the ever so sought after Levedale Road situated on the outskirts of Penkridge which is a thriving South Staffordshire village with near by shopping facilities, pubs, schools and transport links. It is also particularly convenient for commuters with the A5 facilitating fast access to both Stafford and Wolverhampton whilst the M6 is easily accessible at J12 which facilitates fast access to Birmingham and beyond. One of the principal attractions of Vine House is the superb grounds in which is stands with a large, sweeping drive providing ample off road parking together with a large garden to the front and side of the house. There is a substantial area of parking to the rear of the property together with a large double garage block. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs WC, downstairs bathroom, lounge, sitting room, kitchen, utility room four bedrooms - two having en-suite, bathroom, WC, garage, large driveway providing off road parking and gardens. Energy rating: E.

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THREE BEDROOMS	EPC D

The Coppice, Cannock

Offers Around £120,000

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Salisbury Drive, Cannock

Offers Around £225,000

DETACHED PROPERTY	GARAGE
EN SUITE	CONSERVATORY
THREE BEDROOMS	AWAITING EPC

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Skoda reveals price for new Octavia

By James Parker

Skoda has announced pricing and specifications for the new Octavia range, just on sale in the UK and a great buy for new reg.

Prices for the new car will range from £17,055 for the entry-level 1.0-litre petrol hatch in S specification, moving up to £30,085 for the flagship 2.0-litre, four wheel-drive diesel estate in Laurin & Klement specification.

The other specifications are SE, SE Technology, and SE L. Octavias in SE specification will cost from £18,360 for the hatch and £19,560 for the estate.

The SE Technology hatch is priced from £20,450, while the estate starts at £21,650. SE L hatches start at £21,405, and £22,605 for the estate.

Engines

A Laurin & Klement hatch with the 2.0-litre diesel engine will cost from £27,435.

Skoda is offering the new Octavia with a selection of six engines – three diesels and three petrols.

The diesel line-up consists of a 1.6-litre, 113bhp unit and a 2.0-litre engine with either 148bhp or 182bhp.

The petrol range comprises of a 1.0-litre 113bhp engine, a 1.4-litre 148bhp engine and a 2.0-litre 227bhp engine.

The most powerful diesel power plant will feature on Octavia vRS and Scout models, while the 227bhp petrol unit is available only on the vRS.

Order books for the Octavia vRS, the most powerful Octavia vRS ever, and Scout – which will cost from £25,130 and £26,525 respectively – will open at the end of March.

New Octavia is a smart looker

The new Octavia features a revised front-end design that incorporates a new quad-headlight layout. Full LED headlights are a standard feature on SE L, Laurin & Klement, Scout and vRS models.

Standard equipment has been improved across the Octavia range. All cars now come with alloy wheels, touchscreen infotainment systems, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity, LED rear lights, air conditioning, XDS electronic differential lock and automatic post-collision braking.

Prices start at £17,055 for the entry-level 1.0-litre petrol hatch and the estate above starts at £21,650

Great car for running around town

By Anthony Martyn

PEUGEOT 108 ALLURE, £12,760

Introduced back in 2014, the 108 is Peugeot's attempt at cashing in on the lucrative city car market, and the 108 Top! is the convertible iteration of this car.

Created off the back of a joint-venture between PSA (Peugeot and Citroen's parent company) and Toyota, the 108 shares pretty much everything with the Citroen C1 and Toyota Aygo. This includes the platform, engines, running gear, as well as their electrical system.

Because of this, they are all practically identical. You'd be forgiven for stepping out of the C1 into the 108 and thinking you were still in the same car. However, while these cars are all relatively similar both mechanically and in the cabin, the sharing of parts means that production costs are kept down.

Ultimately this means that you save money when the time to buy comes around.

You'd be hard-pressed to label the little 108 an unattractive car. Next to the C1 and the Aygo, the 108 certainly looks the most grown-up – although you shouldn't let that trick you into thinking it comes across as boring.

Our test car came in a bright French Blue colour, which certainly made it one of the more eye-catching cars on the road. Couple that with the contrasting black paint on the boot, and the 108 really looks the part.

The fact that the canvas roof car be mechanically retracted to open up an unlimited amount of headroom only serves to add to this city runabout's desirability.

As a means for pottering around town, the 108 makes a fairly good case for itself. It's comfortable, easy to see out of and thanks to its pint-sized proportions, a breeze to manoeuvre through tight spaces.

A neat and attractive rear end

You get a fair amount of kit as standard

You'd be hard-pressed to label the little 108 an unattractive car

In its natural urban environment, the only things that took a bit of getting used to were the incredibly short clutch, and rather noisy three-cylinder engine. If you choose to open up the canvas roof, you'll also be treated to a fair deal of wind noise – but this is part in parcel of owning a convertible.

Head out on the motorway, and you immediately get a sense the car is no longer in its comfort zone. Engine, wind and road noise are all far more noticeable, and the car's small size becomes much more obvious. That said though, it never felt too nervous or skittish at cruising speeds, although you may find you're fairly worn out by the time you reach your destination.

Buy a 108 Top! in the same specification as our test car – that's the Allure 1.2 – and you'll set yourself back £12,760. For this, you get a fair amount of kit as standard, including a reversing camera, DAB radio, Bluetooth connectivity and a seven-inch touchscreen infotainment system. All up, this isn't all that bad a deal, the only thing that would make it more appealing is sat-nav – although Peugeot can fit this as a £400 option.

In terms of fuel economy, Peugeot claims the 108 can achieve a combined fuel consumption figure of 65.7mpg, meaning you shouldn't find you spend too much time (or money) at the pump. Thanks to CO2 emissions of 99g/km, the 108 is also exempt from tax under current legislation, although this is changing from April 2017.

The 108 Top! will likely appeal most to either first time buyers, or family buyers looking to add a second, smaller car to their fleet for running around town.

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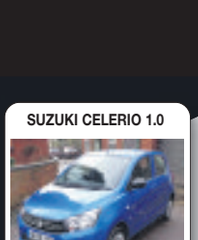

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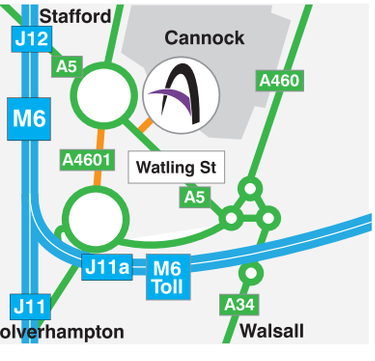
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You'll still be smiling at the end of warranty

By Ian Donaldson

Humming along a country lane lined with some of the most expensive houses outside the billionaires' belt of central London there was time to reflect on what you really need from a car.

The driveways often answered that question with two words – Range and Rover, with possibly Porsche as a backup if Sir was already on his way to the City. Neither of those badges provided cars that their owners actually needed, but they sure as heck wanted them. Enough to pay a king's ransom for the privilege.

Back down in the real world, away from the hunting grounds of the Home Counties, we were driving the latest examples of a car that would answer most of a rich man's needs. A rich woman's too, come to that. Either gender would quickly see the advantages of a car that did what was asked of it without pretentions, didn't break the bank and was pretty decent to drive into the bargain.

Wouldn't impress the neighbours peering through their neatly manicured laurel hedge, of course, but the newest Kia Rio is a car to consider for all that.

A bit longer and wider than the just succeeded third generation with the same name, this latest one is a bit lower but roomier in the back and comes with a usefully enlarged boot.

A car that doesn't break the bank and drives well

More doors as well, with the three-door option of the old model ditched for five-doors only as hardly anyone ever asked for one of the lesser portalled ones anyway.

Prices start at £11,995, which represents a £1,050 hike over the equivalent old car but Kia insists, with the stats to prove it, that you get more for your money now.

The Rio is an important player for the Korean car maker, its best seller in fact with almost 475,000 sold globally each year.

This rival to the likes of Ford Fiesta and Vauxhall Corsa comes in ten versions with a choice of four engines, three gearboxes and four trim levels, including a highly specified First Edition at a gently eye widening £17,455 and perhaps the car to park in the au pair's space on the drive next to the Range Rover.

The engines include a new-to-Rio three-cylinder 1.0 litre petrol unit in two power outputs (99 or 118bhp and up to 62.8mpg and 102g/km officially), and a 1.25 and 1.4 litre petrol and a couple of 1.4,litre diesels, not unexpectedly boasting the best economy in the range, with up to 80.7mpg and 92g/km.

The days when a manufacturer could get away with a stripped out starter model are long past and Kia's entry level grade 1 cars come with goodies like air con, front electric windows (and auto function for the driver's side), electrically adjusted and heated door mirrors, cornering lights and steering wheel mounted audio controls.

Next up in the pecking order are grade 2 cars. Kia expects them to be the most popular price point (£13,745 for the likely biggest selling 1.25 litre version) and no wonder. Standard kit expands to include 15-inch alloy wheels, electric windows all round, DAB radio and six-speaker sound system, reversing camera and rear parking sensors, cruise control and automatic emergency braking.

Move up to a 3 car (from £16,295 for a lower powered 1.0 litre) and you'll add niceties like sat nav, 16-inch alloy wheels, auto air conditioning, heated front seats and steering wheeland Android Auto and Apple CarPlay connectivity and Bluetooth with voice recognition.

At the top sits the £17,445 First Edition that really layers on the luxury. Alongside 17-inch alloys are smart key entry (keep it in your pocket or purse), LED rear lights, convincingly leather-like trim and stainless steel pedals.

The version that impressed the most was a 1.0 litre petrol in lesser powered (£14,545) guise. It rode notably better on its smaller wheels than a dearer, larger wheeled model – although still with some underlying spikiness – and felt sprightly and full of beans while showing 45mpg after a modestly enthusiastic spin.

A higher powered 1.4 diesel (£17,245 in grade 3 trim) was quiet, rode well but showed a mildly disappointing 50 mpg over the same route. Most Rio buyers will stick with petrol and it's easy to see why. If they can stretch to the new 1.0 litre version they will surely still be smiling as their seven year or 100,000 mile warranty nears its end.

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Keeping things simple with the new Ford Ka+

Modestly priced runabout that's fun to drive

By Ian Donaldson

New car buyers don't much like middle ground cars these days, heading upwards to a prestige badge or down to the bargain basement.

Which is why a company like Ford – biggest seller of new cars in the UK, remember – is keen to push posh Vignale versions of its Mondeo, Kuga, S-Max and Edge.

But there's profit to be made at the bottom of the pile too, if you can sell a car in sufficient numbers. Ford must be hoping to do just that with the new Ka+.

Sharing only its name with the now defunct city car Ka, the newcomer is much bigger and hides a Fiesta base beneath its modestly bland five-door exterior.

It's expected to pinch some sales from lower priced versions of the Fiesta (there's a new one arriving later in 2017) and is aimed at rivals like the new Vauxhall Viva, also tempting budget motorists who need space in their cars.

Ford keeps things simple with the Ka+; there's one engine (a 1.2 litre petrol unit with two power outputs), two trim levels and a restricted list of options.

Prices start at £9,245 and top out at £11,095 for newly introduced Black or White Editions which have body and roof in those contrasting colours but are otherwise to the same spec as the Zetec trim test car.

That costs £10,545 and comes well equipped for the money, with the more powerful engine (a relative term), along with alloy wheels, air conditioning, cruise control and a DAB radio and Bluetooth.

Built to a price but carefully assembled

Not a lot for what you get, especially as the car is large enough to take four big men in comfort and with a boot easily spacious enough for the weekly shop.

You might want to splash out £150 for a pair of the fastest reacting heated front seats I've ever warmed to and another £100 for a proper spare wheel in place of the can of pressurised gloop that comes as standard.

Unless you like vivid yellow – the only colour that comes as without extra cost – there's at least another £250 to find for metallic paint. The ruby red of the test car costs a daft £745 and rather skewers the point of a budget car, you might think.

Nothing budget-like about the way the car drives, though. Ford has spent time tuning the Indian built Ka+ to European tastes and it feel like it. This is a modestly priced runabout that's actually fun to drive, thanks to alert steering and a willingness to tackle corners.

It takes a bit of time to get to them, needing lots of revs for maximum effect but remains smooth and decently economical (46mpg on test) in the process.

Its eagerness to please the driver was a pleasant surprise and so was an interior that, while obviously built to a price, was carefully assembled with hints of more upmarket style.

The less powerful, 69bhp Ka+ shares identical official economy and emissions figures with the 81bhp version but is a little slower. It also sits in group one for insurance, although the more spritely model's group five won't break the bank.

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Eager to please and great value

By Ian Donaldson

MG GS, FROM £14,995

Pulling over to the kerb to ask directions (no map, no idea where we were) the helpful granny knew the way.

She also spotted the new MG GS we were sitting in on the first drive of the company's first fresh model for years.

And, she confidently told grandson, aged about eight, that yes, 'it was a new sort of MG.'

Well done gran. If an MG – long since built in China but designed in Birmingham still – is as easily recognised as this there might be a demand for more than the modest 1,000 the company hopes to sell here in a full year.

Two obvious factors will be instrumental in any sales success for the GS, latest entry in the SUV market where buyers clamour for something that looks tough and a bit off-roady but costs no more to run than a boring family hatch.

First possible sales clincher is the cost; with three versions of the GS priced at £14,995 (Explore), £17,495 (Excite) and £19,495 (Exclusive) with an automatic version of the latter at £20,995.

Each grade is several thousand pounds less than any obvious rival, named by MG as cars like the Honda CR-V, Kia Sportage and Nissan Qashqai. That's an excellent start, as long as the MG GS does not disappoint on things like quality and the way it drives.

It doesn't disappoint on value for money. Even the entry level Explore has cruise control, alloy wheels and air conditioning, while the Excite adds DAB radio, Bluetooth and rear parking sensors.

No satellite navigation though, which is why we were lost. For that you need the top grade Exclusive which also piles on leather upholstery with electric adjustment for the front seats, bigger wheels, xenon headlights and auto dimming interior mirror.

The GS is tidy all over and especially assertive at the back

Every MG GS is powered by the same 1.5 litre petrol engine, with 164bhp and enough for a 118mph top speed and 0-62mph in 9.6 seconds, and driving through the front wheels only.

There is no likelihood of a diesel (not offered on any GS, anywhere) but MG does sell a 2.0 litre petrol and a 4x4 version in other markets, so they would be available here if there was demand.

A brisk run on roads from rural to M40 produced a respectable 36.2mpg on the trip computer, not a figure likely to deter anyone who fancies a GS.

Another attraction to potential buyers might be the GS's five year/80,000 mile warranty. That will also apply to the next new MG, a smaller SUV due here in autumn next year but is not being applied to the current MG 3 or MG 6 models, which keep their three years/60,000 warranties.

All these details help make a case for the car but you can't imagine anyone buying an MG GS unless it looked the part – stylish is utterly vital in such a fashion-led part of the car market.

Well, to these eyes, MG has done a decent job on the looks front. Neat and tidy all over and especially assertive from the back, the GS will hold its head high in any supermarket car park or outside the kids' school at collection time.

Inside, everything stays neat and tidy but you can more easily see where the money has been saved to keep the cost so keen. Lots of hard plastics and switches and dials that look a generation older than those you'll find in the dearer opposition.

MG has done a decent job on the looks front

But the GS fights back strongly when you get it out on the road, where it's quickly obvious the car was honed on British surfaces by engineers who know we like a responsive feel to our daily transport, but not at the cost of a bone hard ride.

Indeed, the MG GS feels eager to please in the way of an enthusiastic and smaller hatchback. It made me smile and actually enjoy the extra miles our lack of direction imposed before gran guided us to lunch.

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John Henry

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Your loving Wife Liza.

The Funeral Service will take place at Stafford Crematorium on Friday, February 17, 2017, at 9.30am.

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Elsie

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She will be sadly missed by all her Family and Friends.

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Love, Dad, Pat, Caroline, Danny, Grandad, Sarah, Stephen, Jayne and Family.

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LANE

Sean Alan

Passed away Wednesday, January 25, 2017, aged 50 years.

Sean will be sadly missed by his Mom and Dad.

The Funeral Service will take place at St Peter's Church, Hednesford, on Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at 2.30pm, followed by Burial.

Sean is now resting in a private Chapel of Repose.

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Sean

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In silence I remember, I make no outward show but what it meant to lose you, no one will ever know.

Love always, Mom and Dad.

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NORTON

Matthew Richard

(Mac)

Sadly passed away on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, aged 85 years.

Mac was much loved and will be missed dearly by all of his Family and Friends.

His Funeral Service will take place on Friday, February 17, 2017 at Bushbury Crematorium, West Chapel at 10.30am.

Flowers welcome.

All inquiries c/o

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PAGETT

Byron

Ron

Sadly passed away February 2, 2017, aged 80 years.

A very special man who will be sadly missed by his devoted Wife Ina and all his loving Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will take place at Stafford Crematorium on Monday, February 27, at 12 noon.

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Michael David

(Mike)

May 14, 1961 to January 25, 2017.

Sadly passed away in Cambridge following a very short illness.

Very much missed by Partner Sally, Betty, Sam, Lesley, Clare, Family and Friends.

Funeral at Streetly Crematorium, February 21, at 2.15pm.

YATES

Anthony Robert

Tony peacefully passed away February 2, 2017, at Hawksyard Priory Nursing Home, aged 84 years.

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Will always love you Chris, Robert, Jamie, and Granddaughter Lilly.

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JACKSON

Sheila Ann

February 14, 2014.

Your smile has gone forever and your hand we cannot touch.

We have so many memories we treasure missing you so much.

Your Everloving Husband Brian and all the Family.

XXX

SEABRIDGE

Betty

Nine years ago God took you home it was His will, but in our hearts you live on still.

Everloving Husband Terry, Children Adrian, Avril and Ashley.

acknowledgements

BAILEY

Derek William

Sheila, Noelle, Dave and Ellie-Jayne would like to thank all Family and Friends, for their love, support and prayers and to all who helped to make the recent Celebration of Derek's life so very special.

Thank you to A J Sellmans Funeral Directors, Edward and Rachel in particular, for the sensitivity shown and also to Albert, Eric, Stan and Terry.

Thanks to all who contributed to the Service, Rev. Edward, Chase Choral Society, the Male Voice Group and Alan Hazel and also to Alan Jones, Tony Cartwright, Peter Martin and Ken Gosling.

Gratitude is also expressed to Jane and all the Catering providers, as well as Rob and the Stewards.

Finally thank you to all who gave Memorial donations.

At the time of writing £2,230 has been received by Chadsmoor Methodist Church.

HAYWOOD

Eric John

Jack

Daisy, David, Paul and all the Family would like to thank all Relatives, Friends and Neighbours for all their help and messages of sympathy and support during this very sad time.

Special thanks to all at St. Giles Hospice and also the District Nurses for all their help and support.

We thank everyone for their kind donations, totalling £800 to The St. Giles Hospice.

LEE

Mary

Mary's Family would like to thank everyone for attending the Funeral and for all the cards and messages of condolence.

Thanks are also due to Bruce Walker Funeral Directors, Father Peter Stonier and all at St Joseph's Church, Roses Cafe and Mike O'Brien and Staff at St Joseph's Community Centre.

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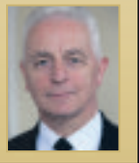

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STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACT 2004

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Date 16 February 2017

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Northbound closure: A0460 Brereton Hill and A0460 Main Road, Rugeley Between A51 Brereton Hill, Rugeley and Coalpit Lane

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The restrictions are necessary to maintain the safety of all road users along the route of the event including competitors and team support.

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personal

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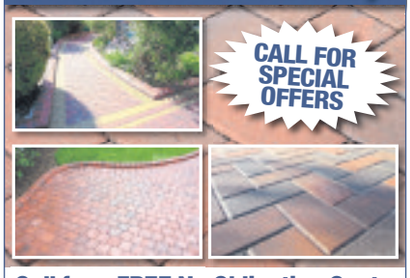

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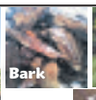

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No sign of slowing as Peter homes in on 85th

Holmes is made an MBE by Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace

Holmes with Wolverhampton Swimming Club chairman Peter Dale

SPORTING MEMORIES

By Nick Elwell

WITH his 85th birthday on the horizon you would think Peter Holmes would be happy to sit back and reflect on a life of achievement.

But no. He is on a mission to highlight all that is good about sport in Wolverhampton and more importantly to urge people, young and old, to get active.

Born and bred in Wolverhampton, Holmes has dedicated his life to sport through his work for the city council and is a well known and hugely respected figure in the West Midlands and beyond.

He celebrated 70 years with Wolverhampton Swimming Club last year and has clocked up more than 60 years as a member of Penn Golf Club.

He has served the Staffordshire Swimming Association for 56 years, worked for Sport England, been president of the West Midlands ASA and is still involved with the governing body of swimming.

Honoured

Having also represented Great Britain at water polo, his contribution to sport has been recognised with an MBE.

In addition, he was one of the driving forces behind the creation of the annual Wolverhampton Sports Council Advisory awards – where the borough's unsung grassroots heroes are honoured.

Another one of Holmes's ventures has been the creation of a Wolverhampton Sporting Hall of Fame with an honours board on display at Aldersley Stadium. And he has written the citations for each and every member of the Hall of Fame.

"I have always loved sport," he said. "And I am a firm believer that we can motivate not only youngsters but some of the older population to get involved in sport."

Holmes has certainly had his fair share of involvement, starting at the age of 16 with a trip across war-torn Europe to play water polo for GB in 1948, playing against Holland, France and Belgium. He also enjoyed his 15 minutes of fame on national TV, a demonstration water polo game on the BBC, which took place at Thimblemill Lane, Smethwick.

After ending his water polo-playing days in his late 20s, Holmes channelled his efforts into promoting sport through his job with the sports council and before that the central council of physical recreation at Wolverhampton Council.

Along with director of education Dennis Grayson and a PE adviser named Trevor Churchill, Holmes saw a number of satellite sports centres built in the area which gave youngsters the chance to sample various recreational activities, the first one at Compton park in 1971.

Holmes was a driving force behind the Black Country Games, a concept that saw youngsters from across the region compete in a host of sports, with the Fair Play Award named in his honour.

Accompanied by his wife of 60 years Margaret, his son Phillip and daughter Michaela, when he was presented with his MBE by Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace.

Holmes is now currently putting the final touches to the shortlist for this year's Hall of Fame inductees.

But he is just as keen to see the grassroots heroes step into the spotlight – hence the birth of the Sports Council Advisory awards.

"My aim is to make sure these people are recognised," he said "For years they had not been recognised but without all the wonderful people at grassroots level we wouldn't have people excelling on the international stage."

Another award – with a certificate marking 60 years of service to sport in the city

"We can motivate not only youngsters but some of the older population to get involved in sport."

New darts teams invited to the oche

THE secretary of a popular darts league is inviting more teams to the oche next season.

Games in the Sedgley and Gornal Darts League are played on Tuesday nights under a unique format that sets the competition apart from other leagues. Matches consist of six singles games from 301, start and finish with a double, and three doubles clashes that are 701 down, finish on a double.

Carey welcomed two new sides to the fold this season and already has one ready to join for the next campaign.

"We are always looking for new teams to participate," said Carey. "We have one new team already signed up for next year.

"The league has Sedgley and Gornal in the title because we were a breakaway league when we started five years ago."

League action his campaign ends in April with a presentation night to follow in May.

Dudley-based table-toppers Foundry are looking to seal a league and cup double having won the end of year team knockout.

Anyone interested in entering a team in the league should contact secretary Rob Carey on 07881 453285.

Adrenaline fuelled as trio claim black belts

A KICKBOXER has used her adrenaline to maintain her unbeaten fight record on her way to competing for an English title.

Keri Webster, of Adrenaline gym in Brownhills, defeated previously unbeaten Rowena Bolt in Belfast to take her winning streak to five.

On the same card, Hayley Boot, aged 30, secured a draw against Charlene Best after previously beating her on home soil last September.

Webster, aged 25, holds an area title and is fighting in France this weekend. She will vie for an English title at Hammerwich Cricket Club in March.

Meanwhile, brother and sister members Grace, 17, and 11-year-old Oliver Partridge are celebrating after passing a tough martial arts grading. The Norton Canes siblings were joined by Kayleigh Goodwin, 12, of Chase Terrace, in earning their belt in full contact kickboxing.

All three each brought back a five nations title belt from full contact kickboxing in France in October and they are now ready to head out there again on Saturday along with others from the club.

The three hold various titles between them, and will be fighting again in March at Hammerwich Cricket Club. Oliver will take on his second English title. For tickets, call head coach Chris Bladon on 07976 371681.

Swan take flight to reach cup last four

KINGSWINFORD Swan hit the comeback trail to book their place in the semi-finals of the Dudley Guest Hospital Charity Cup.

Swan had trailed 2-0 early in the first half to Prince Albert but rallied to clinch a hard-fought 4-3 win with Liam Hickman bagging the winner in the last 10 minutes – his second of the game. Luke Williams and Ash Barker were also on target.

Chris Holland (2) and Chris Griffiths were on target for Prince Albert.

Dudley Sports and Woodside enjoyed far more comfortable passages into the last four.

Dudley Sports were 6-2 winners at Pure Sports Foundation thanks to two goals from Luke Williams and singles from Jack Hickman, Grant Esp, Ryan Hickman and Ashley Pountney.

Josh Garbett and Dean Billingham found the net for Foundation.

Woodside cruised to an 8-0 triumph at home to Roebuck.

The clash between Wordsley AFC and Wordsley Reserves was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

The semi-final draw was taking place on Tuesday of this week, with the ties scheduled for April 2.

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Trying hard Burntwood go past 500

Eccleshall 14 Burntwood 38

BURNTWOOD went past 500 points for the season with a bonus point win away to Eccleshall.

Burntwood had the better of the first half to lead 19-0 before Eccleshall hit back with two converted tries in the third quarter. However, the visitors pulled clear with three tries in the last quarter to seal the win.

Burntwood had the ideal start to open the scoring after just two minutes. Rob Jones fielded a clearance kick on halfway to begin a counter attack and Adam Black eventually forced his way over for a try converted by Aza Dunet.

With all the play in home territory the second score was not long in coming. The forwards featured again with Luke Rookyard going close before Josh Canning stretched over the line to touch down. Dunet added the extras for 14-0.

The second period opened with determined play by the hosts and fter several drives for the line they finally got over by the posts for a converted try after 47 minutes.

With 68 minutes gone Ben Holt found a good touch near the left corner from a penalty award. The line out was won and the catch and drive ended with L. Rookyard scoring his side's fourth try. A. Dunet's conversion attempt went in off the post for 26-14.

The result was effectively decided within two minutes of the restart. Holt's deep kick saw Holden up quickly to tackle the man in possession to knock the ball free. The winger was on his feet first to gain possession and run to the line for the try.

This Saturday Burntwood host Edwardians for a league match – kick off 2.15 pm. The 2nds and 3rds are also due to be in action against Newport 3rds (A) and Stafford 3rds (H).

Kiembi sees red as Scholars go down to a shock defeat

Loughborough Dynamo 2 Chasetown 0

THE Scholars fell to a shock defeat at lowly Loughborough in this Evo-Stik Northern Premier First Division South game.

Chasetown forced an early save from Jack Tolley when a Nathan Rooney cross-cum-shot was tipped over the bar.

The hosts took the lead just after the half-hour-mark as Ashley Hodgkinson's shot was deflected past Curtis Pond in the Scholars' goal.

Jack Langston and Mitch Piggon went close as Craig Harris's side went for the equaliser but it was Dynamo who scored next, on the stroke of half-time, when they broke quickly and added a second from Karl Demidh.

After the break, Langston rattled the bar with a 25-yard free-kick that had Tolley beaten all ends up.

Chasetown pushed for a comeback but Tolley wasn't troubled except for a Peter Till effort which flashed inches over the bar. The Scholars were reduced to 10 men when Pierce Kiembi was sent off for an off-the-ball incident.

Chase swimmers make big splash

Hopper, top left, and Roe, front middle

A CHASE swim star clinched two England titles and a runner-up medal at a gala in London's Olympic pool, while his club mate also earned two national podium slots.

Twelve-year- old Christian Roe reeled in two golds and one silver medal at the Independent Schools' Association (ISA) national swimming championships.

Fellow Chase club swimmer Ryan Hopper, aged 15, finished as a double bronze medallist. The pair were among seven Stafford Grammar School pupils in a squad of 40 taking part againstsix other regions.

Roe was swift off the blocks in the under-13 boys' 50m breaststroke and maintained his composure to reel in the national title. He continued his rich vein of form and claimed a team gold in the under-13 medley relay team alongside fellow SGS individual gold medallist Toby Paterson. The pair had to settle for silver in the freestyle relay.

Meanwhile in a hard fought senior category, Hopper challenged older competitors in the under-18 freestyle and medley relays, with his Midlands outfit collecting bronze in both races.

The magnificent seven brought home 19 medals and three national titles, but also helped steer the Midlands to an eight point lead at the top of the table, ahead of second placed northern region.

PITMEN CRASH AT THE LEADERS

Blyth Spartans 5 Hednesford Town 1

IT was to be an afternoon to forget for managerless Hednesford Town as they were humbled at Evo-Stik Premier leaders Blyth Spartans.

The Pitmen made the worst possible start to the game as they went behind within 60 seconds.

Luke Armstrong picked out an unmarked Jarrett Rivers, who was composed enough to fire into an empty net. After seeing two further chances spurned by the hosts, things went from bad to worse for Hednesford.

The lead was doubled in the 22nd minute as Robbie Dale faked a shot at the edge of the area, before playing through a perfectly weighted ball to Rivers, who made no mistake to double his and Blyth's tally. Within seven minutes, the Pitmen were back in it as Vinny Mukendi's header hit the base of the post, with the ball rebounding off goalkeeper Paul Woolston and into the net.

Saves

Dale went close to re-establishing a two-goal cushion 60 seconds later, but the Blyth captain fired his free-kick just over the bar. Hednesford were indebted to goalkeeper Dan Crane in the 36th minute when Rivers played in Daniel Maguire, who was denied by a fantastic save.

The second half saw Spartans continue to press forward, and it took two great saves from Crane to deny the home side from scoring their third in the 48th minute. He tipped Dale's low free-kick behind, before palming Ryan Hutchinson's near-post header around the same upright from the resulting corner.

Crane was called into action in the 54th minute when Armstrong saw his shot palmed away by the goalkeeper. This would only be a temporary reprieve as two minutes later the third goal arrived for Blyth when Armstrong stabbed the ball home after it came back off the bar.

In the 69th minute Dale broke forward and after rounding Dane Crane was left with a simple finish into the net. Maguire completed the rout with 15 minutes left. Having had the ball played to his feet in the area, he stroked the ball low across Crane and inside the far post.

Hednesford's Vinny Mukendi scores with a header

Tribute to physio and 'proper gentleman'

TRIBUTES have poured in for Chasetown physio and 'proper gentlemen' Mick Andrews.

The 74-year-old, who 'treated thousands of players' over a long career in the West Midlands, died last Tuesday on the afternoon of the Scholars' 2-0 victory over Newcastle Town in the Staffordshire Senior Cup.

Andrews had been physio for Chasetown for roughly 12 years, and was at Willenhall Town before that.

"He's been ill for a few weeks now," said Chasetown boss Dave Stringer. "I don't think people knew how poorly he was.

"He was a proper gentlemen and he'll be sadly missed by everybody.

"He had time for everybody, and a smile for everybody. Our thoughts and prayers are with (wife) Carol and the family."

Stringer and chairman Mick Joiner are planning to organise a fitting way to remember Andrews. Joiner said: "It's a massive loss, not only to our club but to football in general. He was well-liked and well respected by everyone."

Teams draw a blank as snow takes a hold

DUE to the weather, Cannock Hockey Club's weekend fixtures were decimated, and despite valiant efforts to clear the snow, only the first and second teams managed a game.

On a very slippery Preston pitch, Cannock struggled to get out of third gear.

Preston capitalised on this lethargy and took the lead after 11 minutes. Cannock had opportunities to level the score before half-time but a rebounded shot was sent wide.

Preston pressed hard in the early minutes of the second half but as they started to run out of legs Cannock began to make inroads.

They won a brace of corners but only found the bar rather than the net. To add to Cannock's misery Preston forced a corner of their own and it looped in to make the final score 2-0 to the home side.

Cannock 2nds were beaten 6-2 by Loughborough University.

Callum Swinnerton-Ions started the game with pace from the start which was rewarded with a penalty stroke,

After a wild stick tackle from Loughborough's keeper stopped Callum Swinnerton-Ions scoring, Aaron Wilkes converted the stroke to give Cannock the lead. Loughborough got one back from a corner and then took the lead with another from the field. Cannock responded with another from Wilkes to level.

Just before half-time Loughborough went 3-2 up despite Cannock having the better of the pressure. As the second half started Cannock let in an early goal and from there on, Loughborough had the momentum and the flood gates opened.

On Sunday, Cannock 2nds travelled to Derby for a cup game against Boots. They ran out 4-1 winners with three goals from Aaron Wilkes and one from Lewis Round.

Pacesetters chalk up impressive win

CHASETOWN A are still setting the pace in the Wolverhampton City Netball League.

Their latest top-flight clash saw them gain an impressive 35-20 win against Whitmore Y. Crescent denied Wordsley Storks a point in Division Two with a 23-11 victory.

Flames upset the Dolls 36-13 in Division Three. Whitmore Z pushed teammates T close but went down 23-18.

Mac Arrows gained all five points against Oddessy in Division 4 winning 11-8. Chasetown B in Division 5 outplayed Zimmers, Chasetown almost keeping a clean sheet winning 13-1.

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